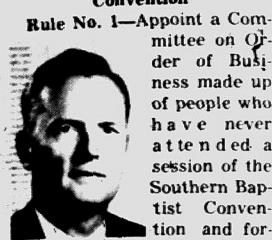


Let Us Save The Annual South- st Convention

By Duke K. McCall
President Southern Baptist
Ten Rules for Avoiding a
Boring and Impotent
Convention



Dr. McCall bid them to read any old Convention programs. The present format is so encrusted with barnacles, with pastures full of sacred cows, and beset with so many fetishes that it is as big a mishmash as the metaphors in this sentence.

Rule No. 2.—When the agenda is adopted put an asterisk by all major inspirational addresses, messages,

and sermons and declare them to be fixed orders of business. This would include the Convention sermon and the president's address as well as others. We would therefore be able to anticipate the time of these high hours. Further, we would not destroy the setting for the message accidentally by extending the time for some other item of business. These fixed items would come at precisely the point on the clock at which they were planned.

Rule No. 3.—Begin the first morning session with not less than one full hour for miscellaneous business. Some folk cannot wait to blow off steam. Installing a blow-off valve is better than blowing up.

Rule No. 4.—Follow the first miscellaneous business period with the S.B.C. Executive Committee's report.

However, restrict this report to recommendations of a general nature which are not directly related to a single agency of the Convention.

Rule No. 5.—Require that all actions related to the program of any agency of the Convention whether initiated by the agency, the S.B.C. Ex-

ecutive Committee, or a messenger to the Convention be dealt with at the time assigned to that agency. This will keep the Convention from speaking in contradictory terms on a single issue because of the failure of the messengers to see the inter-relatedness of notions which

otherwise might be offered two days apart (and with a different set of messengers in the meeting).

Rule No. 6.—Make the first item in the period assigned to any agency the election of the directors or trustees of that agency. This will serve to remind the messengers of their

primary method of directing the affairs of the agencies. The Convention's disagreement with the policies of any agency should be fought out over the election of the controlling board of that agency. Election of the board is the primary and the ultimate means of exhibiting and im-

plementing the Convention's control of the agencies.

Rule No. 7.—The sequence of events in the period assigned to each agency should be as follows:

(1) Election of the board members for the agency.

(2) Recommendations from (Continued on Page 2)

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BSSB Has \$36 Million Budget

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) —The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a \$36,165,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 at its semi-annual meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

The budget reflects an increase of almost \$3 million. Sales of church literature, income from publishing and Baptist Book Store profits will provide the amount.

After costs of sales and operating expenses have been cared for, \$7,298,000, or 70 per cent of available earnings, will be allocated to support Southern Baptist churches through 17 educational and service programs. The remainder will be used for capital improvements and reserves.

The board also authorized construction of additional hotel-motel type structures at its two assemblies during the coming fiscal year.

Three additional units, including 46 bedrooms with private baths, will be added to Thunderbird Plaza, a motel-type unit at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, N. M.

At Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C., construction of a 60 bedroom hotel-type struc-

ture was authorized. To be called Holly Hall, the new hotel unit will include private baths and provisions for winter use.

In other actions the board: —Authorized enlargement of the auditorium at the board building in Nashville. The structure, to be used for worship, music, drama and educational programs, will seat about 1,150.

—Approved a new grading plan and curriculum products to be effective Oct. 1, 1970. The adult division of the plan was authorized to be divided into young adults (18-29), adults (30-59) and senior adults (60 up). Preschool children's and youth division were approved by the board in January. All literature will be correlated similar to the present Life and Work series for young people and adults. Uniform lessons will be offered for youth and adult divisions.

—Elected Samuel E. Maddox of St. Joseph, Mo., as president of the board. Julius C. Thompson of Nashville as chairman of the executive committee and Roy Babbs of Nashville as secretary.

—Named Kenneth McAnear, office supervisor of the (Continued on page 2)

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR PRAYER AND ACTION FOR JUSTICE

WASHINGTON (BP) — The President of the United States appealed to the conscience and soul of the nation for "peace based on one man's respect for another—and upon mutual respect for law."

In the face of riots and anarchy in major cities of the nation, President Johnson turned to God-fearing people as he proclaimed a National Day of Prayer, which was held Sunday, July 30. He urged the people to go into their churches "to pray for order and reconciliation among men."

But, he pleaded with the nation, prayers are not enough. He insisted that action must accompany praying. Solutions to riot conditions must not be based on fear, he continued, but the citizens must be "fired by conscience."

Appealing to highest motivations, President Johnson urged the nation: "Let us build something more lasting: faith between man and man, between race and race, faith in each other—and in the promise of America."

Many Visible Results Mark Ohio Crusade

Nineteen additions to the churches and a record high over-all Sunday school attendance on July 23 were among the visible results of the Witnessing Crusade to Ohio participated in by 60 Baptist men from Mississippi July 18-23.

"They gave a great boost to us" was the reply of Rev. Jerry Lewis, pastor of Geneva Church, when asked by Rev. Ross Hughes, superintendent of missions, to give his response to the visit of the Mississippi men.

Mr. Hughes, of Warren, Ohio, is superintendent of

missions for the Steel Valley Baptist Association, located in the heavily-populated northeast section of the Buckeye State where the crusade was held.

One mission began services Sunday, July 18 and another started Sunday, July 23.

Grand total attendance in the 19 churches and missions that have Sunday services on Sunday, July 23 was 1,040, a record high.

There were more than a dozen professions of faith made in the homes during the crusade, Mr. Hughes de- (Continued On Page 2)

FROM RECENT RIOTS

Detroit Baptist Work Escapes Major Damage

DETROIT (BP) — Rioting and looting flared within three blocks of the offices for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan here, but the property, and Baptist churches in Detroit escaped major damage during the rampage of shooting, looting, and destruction.

Four snipers, however, were captured by federal and state troops on property adjacent to the state convention building at 2619 Cass Ave., said Michigan Baptist Executive Secretary Fred D. Hubbs.

During the first three days of rioting, more than 30 persons were killed, more than 3,000 arrested, more than 1,500 businesses were looted, and more than 1,000 fires had been started, according to news reports.

Hubbs said in an interview with the Baptist Press that the extent of the damage and destruction was unbelievable.

State Baptist workers, he said, were trying to help the thousands of homeless people who are wandering around on the streets with no place to go.

"It's a pitiful situation," Hubbs, former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention said.

"We plan to sleep some of the people who have lost their homes here (at the state convention building) tonight, and to try to feed them somehow," Hubbs said.

The state Baptist leader said that the only damage to Baptist property has been vandalism at the new Baptist Center across the street from the state convention office. Copper pipes were ripped out of the center, with damage estimated at about \$5,000.

The Cass Park Baptist Church on 12th Street just South of Grand River was on-

ly slightly damaged — only a few windows and lights broken — even though it was within the area hardest hit by the riots.

"I've checked today as best I could," said Hubbs, "and (Continued on page 2)



Student Director Named For UM

Rev. David Lynn Hicks, of Waynesboro, a recent graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will become director of Baptist student work at the University of Mississippi beginning Aug. 16.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, state Baptist director of student work, who made the announcement, said that Mr. Hicks will succeed Miss Marian Leavell, who resigned recently to accept a position on the staff at Blue Mountain College.

Mr. Hicks, son of Rev. E. F. Hicks, pastor of First Church, Waynesboro, and Mrs. Hicks, is a graduate of (Continued on page 2)

Dialogue Series Begun

By Jim Newton
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. (BP) — A unique series of Sunday night worship services at the Snyder Memorial Baptist Church here, according to the church's pastor, has broken down biased attitudes and stereotyped images and created a bond of fellowship and understanding between Baptists and churches from six different denominations.

The series of six Sunday night services, entitled "What Our Church Is Doing To Redeem the World," has featured messages on this subject by ministers from the local Methodist, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches.

Following the sermons, the congregation which has included both Baptists and guests from the other denominations, has moved to another part of the church to exchange in a dialogue-type "talk - back" to allow the members and visitors to ask questions and express their own viewpoints.

James Cammack, pastor of the 1,700 - member church, called the response "exciting" and "excellent."

"I think the main result," he said, "has been that we have found that we have more in common with people of whom we have been previously suspicious doctrinally."

Cammack, however, said that there was no effort on the part of the church to have a local-level ecumenical movement. "It is a cooperative venture rather than the hope of unity or merger," (Continued on Page 2)

Reigning Miss Mississippi Is MC Student



COLLEGE WELCOME—Mississippi College's reigning Miss Mississippi, Joan Stephanie Myers, is pictured being congratulated by Dr. Howard E. Spell, academic dean of the college, during a homecoming celebration at the college last week. Dr. Spell presented Miss Myers with the homecoming made famous during the football rivalry between the Choctaws and neighboring Vikings. She is to carry it to Atlantic City as a good luck piece. She holds a dozen red roses presented by Jim Jones of Esparto, president of the Student Body Association. Miss Myers was also given a full scholarship for her two remaining years at the college. (H. C. Photo)

Beauty is only skin-deep in some persons, but it permeates the whole of the new reigning Miss Mississippi — Joan Stephanie Myers of Mississippi College.

Possessed without by a regal beauty that catches the eye of all who come into her presence Miss Myers also possesses that inner beauty within her heart and soul that soon becomes evident in only a short conversation.

With a combination of the two, it is easy to understand why she was the frontrunner from the beginning in the recent statewide Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg. She captured preliminary wins and was a crowd pleaser every time she appeared on stage. She was the only double winner among the 55 contestants.

Her crowning by the retiring Miss Mississippi—Robbie Robertson of Hattiesburg — was the climax of a stroll down "Mainstreet, U.S.A." which all began due to the coxing of her fellow Laguna Tribe members at Mississippi College.

The Laguna persuaded Miss Myers to represent their organization in the campus-wide Miss Mississippi College Pageant in early May. She meekly consented, not knowing at the time that several months later she would drop the word "College" from her title and have all of Mississippi pulling for her on national television come September and the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.

The adopted 20 - year old blonde beauty makes her home in Forest with her mother, Mrs. O. L. Myers. She also has a twin brother, soon to graduate from one of the state junior colleges. Their father died several years ago.

Since enrolling at Mississippi (Continued on Page 5)

Baptist Girl Passes Up Piedmont Flight No. 22

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was adapted from The News, daily newspaper published in Frederick, Md., syndicated by the Baptist Press with permission.

By Jim Fellows
Staff Writer
The News
Frederick, Md.

A \$3 youth fare card and a father's frantic prayer played a crucial role in the life of a 15-year-old Baptist girl from Louisville, Ky.

Margaret Kelley, the daughter of a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, still has her ticket for Piedmont Airlines Flight No. 22 from Asheville, N. C., to Washington, D. C.

The ill-fated flight ended in a fiery collision over the Blue Ridge foothills of Western North Carolina near Hendersonville.

After attending Training Union youth week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in Ridgecrest, N. C., Margaret was scheduled to fly to National Airport in Washington where she would meet her father and then go by car to Hood College near Frederick, Maryland.

Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Page H. Kelley, and

the rest of the family was already at Hood College for the Maryland Baptist Assembly. Kelley is an associate professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Young Margaret decided to forsake her reserved seat on Flight 22 and take a chance (Continued On Page 2)

77 Associations To Meet Sept. 29-Oct. 27

The 77 associations in the state will hold their annual meetings during the period Sept. 29 - Oct. 27.

The first to meet will be the New Choctaw (Indian) Association, Sept. 29-30 with Perry County Association to be the last to convene on Oct. 26-27.

The pattern of associational meetings is changing each year, with more meetings being scheduled during the second and third weeks of October.

This year 27 associations will meet the week of Oct. 9-13 with 40 scheduled to gather during the week of Oct. 16-20.

This means that 67 of the 77 associations this year will meet during the two-week period, Oct. 9-20.

The trend toward night meetings, begun several years ago, continues, with perhaps more associations holding night meetings this year than ever before.

Several bodies will hold both night and day sessions (Continued On Page 2)

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with many this year to conduct night sessions only.

The schedule follows:

Adams: Oct. 23, 24. Calvary; Alcorn: Oct. 19, North Corinth; Oct. 20, First Corinth; Attala: Oct. 7, 10, 11, Parkway; Benton: Oct. 2, 3, Hamilton; Boliyar: Oct. 16, Duncan; Oct. 17, First, Cleveland; Calhoun: Oct. 12, First, Calhoun City; Oct. 13, Bethany; Carroll: Oct. 13, Carrollton; Oct. 9, North Carrollton, Chickasaw; Oct. 9, Mt. Olive; Oct. 10, Houlika; Choctaw: Oct. 11, Ackerman; Clarke: Oct. 9, 10, Stonewall; Clay: Oct. 9, 10, Enon; Copiah: Oct. 19, Harmony; Oct. 20, Shady Grove; Covington: Oct. 19, Rock Hill; Oct. 20, First, Mt. Olive.

DeSoto: Oct. 16, Center Hill; Oct. 17, Colonial Hills and Grays Creek; Franklin: Oct. 10, Concord; George: Oct. 16, 17, Barton; Greene: Oct. 12, Leakesville; Oct. 13, West Salem; Grenada: Oct. 16, 17, 18, Airport; Gulf Coast: Oct. 16, 17, 19, First Wiggins; Hinds: Oct. 16, 17, Morrison Heights; Holmes: Oct. 9, Haffland's Creek; Oct. 10, First Tchula; Humphreys: Oct. 12, Silver City; Itawamba: Oct. 5, Antioch and Fairview; Jackson: Oct. 9, Belle Fountain; Oct. 10, First Pascagoula; Jasper: Oct. 16, Bethany; Oct. 17, Enon; Jeff Davis: Oct. 19, Carson; Oct. 20, Hathorn; Jones: Oct. 16, First, Laurel; Oct. 17, Bethlehem; Kemper: Oct. 12, Blackwater; Oct. 13, West Kemper; Lafayette: Oct. 9, Taylor; Oct. 10, Temple Heights and Clear Creek.

Lamar: Oct. 9, Greenville; Oct. 10, First, Lumberton; Lauderdale: Oct. 19, 20, Westwood; Lawrence: Oct. 16, Wamba; Oct. 17, Antioch; Leake: Oct. 19, First, Carthage; Oct. 20, New Zion; Lebanon: Oct. 17, Sunrise and Green's Creek; Lee: Oct. 23, Tupelo; Oct. 24, Chesterville; Oct. 25, Birmingham; Lefflore: Oct. 16, Schlater; Oct. 17, Calvary; Lincoln: Oct. 19, Mt. Pleasant; Oct. 20, Pleasant Hill; Lowndes: Oct. 16, Fairview; Oct. 17, McBee; Madison: Oct. 16, Lone Pine; Oct. 17, First, Canton; Marion: Oct. 3, North Columbia; Oct. 4, Hurricane Creek; Marshall: Oct. 16, Potts Camp; Oct. 17, Coldwater.

Mississippi at Woodville Mississippi: Oct. 12, Woodville; Oct. 13, Mt. Olive; Monroe: Oct. 23, Friendship; Oct. 24, Bartahatchie; Montgomery: Oct. 16, Scotland; Oct. 17, North Winona; Neshoba: Oct. 10, Trinity; Oct. 11, Laurel Hill; New Choctaw: Sept. 29, 30,

Bethany; Newton: Oct. 9, Calvary; Oct. 10, New Ireland; Nuxubee: Oct. 3, 4, Elon; Oktibbeha: Oct. 19; Double Springs; Oct. 20, Bethesda; Panola: Oct. 16, Union; Oct. 17, Pope; Pearl River: Oct. 12, 13, First Nicholson; Perry: Oct. 26, Beaumont; Oct. 27, Calvary; Pike: Oct. 19, 20, First Summit.

Pontotoc: Oct. 12, First, Pontotoc; Oct. 13, Liberty; Prentiss: Oct. 16, 17, First, Booneville; Quitman: Oct. 9, Walnut; Oct. 10, Sledge; Rankin: Oct. 16, Mountain Creek; Oct. 17, Paul Truitt; Riverside: Oct. 17, 18, Riverside; Scott: Oct. 16, Springfield; Oct. 17, Forest; Sharkey: Issaquena; Oct. 16, 17, Valley Park; Simpson: Oct. 16, First-Mendenhall; Oct. 17, New Bethlehem; Smith: Oct. 16, 17, Sylvarena; Sunflower: Oct. 10, Indianola; Second and Sunflower; Tallahatchie; Oct. 11, 12, Cowart; Tate: Oct. 16, 17, Looxahoma; Tippah: Oct. 10, 11, Concord; Tishomingo: Oct. 10, Calvary; Oct. 11, Tishomingo; Union: Oct. 16, Elmo; Oct. 17, Fayette.

Union County: Oct. 17, Macedonia; Oct. 18, Locust Grove; Walthall: Oct. 9, 10, Magee's Creek; Warren: Oct. 9, Highland; Oct. 10, First, Vicksburg; Washington: Oct. 10, Calvary; Wayne: Oct. 16, Chapparral; Oct. 17, Mt. Zion; Winston: Oct. 19, First, Louisville; Oct. 20, East Louisville; Yalobusha: Oct. 5, Dividing Ridge; Yazoo: Oct. 19, 20, Sartatia; Zion: Oct. 16, Philadelphia; Oct. 17, Walthall.

Student Director --

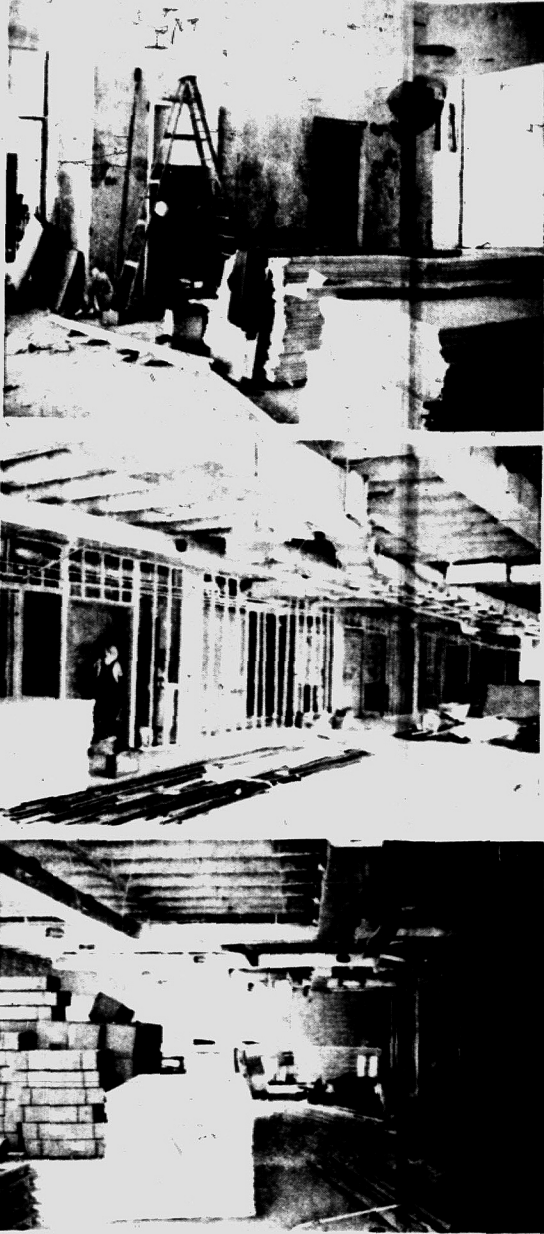
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the University of Mississippi and Southern Seminary.

While a student at the University, he was on the Baptist Student Union executive council for three years and was a member of ODK and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities. He served as minister of youth at Water Valley Baptist Church in 1963 and along with his wife was a student summer missionary to Michigan in 1965.

Mrs. Hicks is the former Bonnie Grantham of Oxford. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, and she attended Southern Seminary during the 1966-67 school year.

She taught school in Torrance, California in 1963-64, and taught Junior High School in Louisville, Kentucky, 1964-66.



STATE CONVENTION BUILDING

Steady progress is being made on the construction of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Building, scheduled to be occupied later this year. Top photo shows scene on first floor with center and lower pictures showing views on second floor. There are four floors in the new building.

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the S.B.C. Executive Committee dealing with any programs assigned to the agency or any affairs of the agency.

(3) Recommendations for Convention action from the board of the agency.

(4) Motions by any messenger to the Convention regarding any program of the agency or actions with reference to the agency.

(5) Questions from the floor directed to the agency, limited only to the requirement that the messenger identify himself and ask a maximum of two questions.

(6) General report from the board or staff of the agency. The regulation which requires an agency to reserve one-third of its report time for discussion is both unworkable and inadequate. All of the time assigned to an agency should be available to the messengers if they want it.

Rule No. 8.—Provide a minimum of one hour for miscellaneous business in each morning and each afternoon session. If the full hour is not needed for miscellaneous business, it may be used by discussions or business in connection with an agency. If not, let the Convention close early. (Closing the Convention early may shake the stars but they will not fall.)

Rule No. 9.—Include whatever business with reference to agencies is needed in the night sessions but set a fixed hour beyond which business may not be transacted and inspirational programs such as the Convention sermon, the

Home Mission Board report, the Foreign Mission Board report, will have right-of-way. The ideal agenda is a mix of business and inspiration in every morning, afternoon, and evening session. Therefore eliminate all regulations which prevent the transaction of appropriate business at any point in a Convention session. Protect both the right of the messengers to transact business and the period allocated to inspiration.

Rule No. 10.—The climax and close of the Convention should be on either Thursday or Friday night with the Foreign Mission Board report. If the Foreign Mission Board report cannot be given on Friday night, and if the messengers will not remain through Friday, close the Convention Thursday night instead of letting it die in disgrace as at Miami '67 (disgrace describes those who defaulted on their expense account and left early, not the far youth program planned. — Reprinted From The Tie

SPAIN IMPRISONS WITNESSES

PARIS (RNS) — The prospect of a lifetime spent in prison faces at least 67 Spanish Jehovah's Witnesses who have been prosecuted for refusing to accept military service, the French Radio said in a broadcast beamed overseas.

It said that the conscientious objectors are serving terms ranging in length from 6 months to 14 years and that under Spanish law they can be tried and sentenced repeatedly for the same offense.

Four of the men now in prison, the broadcast added, are serving their third consecutive term and have already been imprisoned for periods ranging from 8 to 14 years. Twenty others have been sentenced for the first time during the past year.

Detroit Baptist Work Escapes Major Damage

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the churches have seemingly escaped much property damage. The other denominations have not suffered much damage to their churches either.

The state convention offices closed down on Monday following the first Sunday night riots, but were opened to a "skeleton crew" of about six workers on Tuesday.

The building, located just north of the worst rioting section, near Grand Avenue, houses the state Baptist offices on the lower floor, and provides living quarters for working women on the upper floors. Called Priscilla Hall, the building originally was built by Mrs. Henry Ford as a home for working girls.

"We have 93 women living in the building, and they've been terribly upset," Hubbs said. "Just the caretakers and the houseman and the counselors were all that were here with them during the worst of it."

He added that they were especially upset when they learned that the snipers had been captured right next to the Baptist Building.

"The troops were all around us here," Hubbs said. "They unloaded right in our parking lot and searched the area for snipers."

"No one has been shot right here," he added. "We thank the Lord for that."

State Baptist workers met with Negro ministers on the second day of the riots in an effort to set up housing, food

stations, distribution of clothing, and aid to the victims of the riots.

Mystery Prevails

Hubbs said that the Negro leadership could not explain why the riots occurred. "No one has stepped forth to voice a disgruntled word saying 'this is why we have done it', so this is a mystery," Hubbs said.

It all started, he explained, when police raided a place called The Blind Pig that sells drinks after hours.

"There seems to be a pattern to it," he added. "These people seem to break in, loot the stores, haul and cart the merchandise off, and then the fires start. But the bulk of the people in the streets had nothing to do with initiating it, even though they partici-

pate in the looting after it gets started."

Hubbs speculated that there seemed to be some kind of lawless mob that has perpetuated the rioting and organized for it. "They seem to jump from one place to another," he said.

Hubbs said that fear has shaken the entire city. "The snipers are on the expressways and on the roof tops, and you never know when you are going to be shot at from any direction when you are driving down the street."

The state Baptist leader urged Baptists throughout the nation to pray for the people of Detroit and other areas where rioting has broken loose this summer. "We hope the worst of it is over now," he said.

DIALOGUE SERIES BEGUN

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which is not what we are after," Cammack said.

"I think the ecumenical movement, when it is structured, is a good deal more shallow than the task that we have in each doing his own task in his own way, but each doing the same task," Cammack added.

The pastor said that the series has emphasized what each different church is doing in the world to present the Christian message and redeem mankind, rather than emphasizing the doctrinal differences between the churches.

Real dialogue has resulted between the Baptists and the other denominational groups, he said. "There has been doctrinal discussion and doctrinal differences of opinion expressed, but there has been no defensive attitude about this."

Can Ask Any Question

"This freedom of dialogue," he added, "means that you can ask me any question and I will try to answer it as freely and honestly as I can."

The dialogue, Cammack continued, has helped the Baptists to understand why, for example, the Pentecostals speak in tongues. With this understanding comes fellowship and improved relationships.

"This fellowship and understanding," he said, "is even being generated with Roman Catholics."

Another result, he said, has been the response from the unchurched people in the community who have come to the services, perhaps out of curiosity, and have heard the message of Christianity.

In one service, he said, attendance was about 300, with perhaps one third of them visitors from the other denomination, and about 35 who were members of no church.

None of the churches except the Baptist and the Pentecostal churches have Sunday night services, Cammack added.

None of the other churches have made plans to conduct similar services in their churches. "It is not a swap-off," Cammack said. "It is just something we have done to get good fellowship."

"The Christian church has too long been criticized for talking to itself," he added. "We hope this series will attract people of all faiths — and no faith. The services so far have been most helpful," Cammack said at the halfway point in the six-week series.

Churches which are participating in the unique series at the Snyder Memorial Church are: St. Paul's in the Pines Episcopal Church, Northwood Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church, Highland Presbyterian Church, Haymount Methodist Church, St. James Lutheran Church, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Many Visible Results Mark Ohio Crusade

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clared, continuing, he said: "Twenty-nine Mississippi men came in July, 1966, to help 12 established congregations with 11 pastors to direct them."

Sixty Mississippi men came in July, 1967, to help 17 established congregations with 15 pastors to direct them.

"We are asking for 90 men June 25-30, 1968, to help the 25 congregations we expect to have with 25 pastors to direct them."

"Now Rev. Charles Magruder, missionary in Western New York, asks for 25 to 35 men and Rev. Marvin Palmer in the Akron-Canton area of Ohio asks for men to help."

125 Men May Go

"From Mississippi leaders came the suggestion that a goal of 125 should be set to help meet these growing needs and requests for help."

"Multiply what these crusades have meant to Steel Valley Baptist Association in Northeast Ohio by as many as can be arranged and the result is revival, revival in the control corner of the nation. Revival in the northeast corner may mean survival."

"Twenty-nine men from Mississippi helped Steel Valley Association in Ohio lead the Southern Baptist Convention in baptism ratio of 6 to baptize 1, among associations with 825 members or more."

"Twenty-nine men from Mississippi helped Steel Val-

ley Association report five more than in 1966 while the Ohio Convention reported only 16 more congregations than the year before.

"This is something of what men's crusades can mean to pioneer missions. The men themselves said the crusade in 1967 was going to help their witnessing in Mississippi."

"One young pastor said, 'I have witnessed to more lost people in four days than there are acknowledged lost people on my church file.'"

"Others made remarks such as, 'Being able to witness and win here convinces me that we can witness and win in Mississippi.'"

The Geneva Church pastor pointed the men from Mississippi helping his church to the site of the Vacation Bible school being conducted under canopies on a vacant lot and asked "Would you like to observe the VBS now and begin the census of the area after noon?"

The men replied "Why can't we begin the census now," and they immediately began. They talked to people that morning who will be a part of the Conneaut congregation as soon as a pastor can be found for the work.

Mr. Hughes said that practically all of the pastors who were contacted told a similar story regarding the work of the Mississippi men.

Baptist Girl Passes Up Flight

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on using her new youth fare card which her father had recently purchased for her.

The card gave her a considerable discount on the cost of plane fare to Washington where she was to meet her father, but she would have to wait for a seat until there was an opening.

Margaret was lucky that morning. She managed to get a seat on a United Airlines flight to Washington. The young girl got a seat so quickly that she forgot to cancel her reservation on ill-fated Flight 22.

Kelley left Frederick that day after the noon proceedings of the assembly. He was driving along U.S. 70S, about halfway to Washington when the 2 p. m. news announced the mid-air collision, and that there were no survivors among the 82 persons in the two planes.

"I was so shaken at first I

sort of just wandered," he said. "I got so lost that I didn't even get to the airport until about 4:30."

Mrs. Kelley added that later he told her that at the moment he prayed that he would give up "everything in the world, if only Margaret could somehow be saved."

"I knew there could be no mistake," he said. "I kept remembering that I had bought the ticket myself to assure her a quick trip here with no waiting."

One of Kelley's other two daughters, Judy, 11, was riding with her father. "She heard the news and she knew," he explained.

"I really didn't know what to do," he continued. "I went to the Piedmont ticket window, just to check." There he was politely told that his daughter's reservation had not been cancelled, and that it appeared that she had been on the jet.

The receptionist made sev-

eral calls, just in case, and Kelley and his daughter were taken aside and offered refreshments.

Routine checks to several airlines brought no relief. Margaret had boarded under the "available space" plan and had not been registered in advance.

Another call from the receptionist paged Margaret over the airport's loudspeaker system, just in case.

Kelley said he remembers the next moment distinctly. "The Piedmont receptionist's phone rang. She answered it and dropped the phone."

"Dr. Kelley, your daughter wasn't on the plane," she exclaimed.

At first he didn't know what the receptionist was saying. "I thought she meant that Margaret hadn't been on any other plane except the jet." She repeated her message, this time saying "She wasn't on our plane."

Then Margaret, in another part of the terminal, answered the page and talked to her father over a phone.

"I didn't know what was wrong," explained Margaret. "I was worried because I hadn't cancelled my ticket. I felt sort of funny when Dad said that the plane I should have been on had crashed."

Soon a call was made to Mrs. Kelley at Hood College, explaining there "had been a plane crash, but that Margaret was alright."

"I wasn't sure until she walked in the door. I thought they had prepared me for the worst," said Mrs. Kelley.

Margaret's little sisters, Judy, 11, and Mary, 7, added that "Later Daddy remembered it was his birthday and he said 'What a birthday present!'"



UNUSED PLANE TICKET THAT SAVED A LIFE: Margaret Kelley and her father, Page Kelley, look at a ticket for the ill-fated Piedmont Airlines Flight No. 22 which crashed near Hendersonville, N. C. recently. — (AP) Photo by J. Rolfe Castleman, Frederick News-Post, Frederick, Md.



Rev. Dick Brogan

Accepts Position With Seminary

Rev. Richard (Dick) Brogan resigned as pastor of the Soso Baptist Church on July 30, to join the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary as director of education and promotion in the eleven Delta counties and supervisor of Baptist Student Work at the Coahoma Junior College and the Mississippi Valley State College.

He will have an office in Cleveland and at the Mound Bayou Center of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Mound Bayou. He will live in Cleveland.

In addition to his work in the Delta, he will work with Dr. William P. Davis, director of Work with National Baptists and president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, in promoting and supervising the constantly growing work of the Seminary and the Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly. He will begin his work about August 15.

Mr. Brogan is a native of Laurel and a graduate of both Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

Prior to going to Soso he held several pastorates in the state, including Calvary, Ellisville, Sledge, Unity, Magnolia, Glading, McComb and Gaines Church, Wilmet, Ark. He has previously worked with the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in the following capacities:

Dean of Shady Oak Center, Collins; dean of Southeast Center, Hattiesburg; supervisory dean for south Mississippi.

He has been active in denominational affairs as well as civic enterprises. He is married to the former Catherine Dunn of Magnolia. They have two daughters, Beth and Ricki.



John R. Prothro

Vicksburg, First, Names Minister Of Education

On July 1, John R. Prothro began his services as minister of education at First Church, Vicksburg.

Mr. Prothro moved to Vicksburg from a similar position at Third Avenue Church, Louisville, Kentucky. During his time of service there he also did a year of graduate study in Christian education at Southern Seminary.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, he was graduated with a B. S. degree in petroleum engineering from Louisiana Tech College at Ruston. Following his graduation he spent two years in the Army, sixteen months in Germany.

Having worked for a time as a junior engineer for Texas Eastern Transmission of Shreveport, he entered the ministry of education. In 1963 he was graduated from Southwestern Seminary with the degree of Master of Religious Education. Following his graduation he worked as minister of education at First

BRAZIL DEDICATES HOSPITAL

More than 500 persons attended the inauguration of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Fortaleza, Brazil, on Sunday afternoon, July 2.

The governor of the state of Ceara (of which Fortaleza is the capital) cut a ribbon and thus officially opened the hospital. Also present for the ceremony in the hospital yard were other government officials, representatives of the state Baptist convention, a representative of the Roman Catholic bishop in the area, and Baptist pastors and missionaries.

Rev. Horace Victor Davis, missionary field representative for Brazil, and Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board, unveiled a plaque in the lobby which states that the hospital is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr. He was secretary for Latin America for the Foreign Mission Board from 1942 until his death in 1954.

Pastor's Son Dies In Hattiesburg

Michael Lavon Roberts, 18, son of Rev. and Mrs. Olyn F. Roberts of Petal, died at the Methodist Hospital, Hattiesburg, on Saturday afternoon, July 29, after an illness of about two years. His father is pastor of Crestview Church, Petal.

Mike, as he was known to his friends, was born in Louisville, and had grown up in several places where his father had served as pastor. He graduated from Petal High School with this year's class, although much of his high school work had been done in Meridian.

Mike was a musician and had cut a record of instrumental music, both organ and piano, which is entitled Mike Roberts Plays Sacred Melodies. It is available from Autrey's Christian Book Store in Hattiesburg.

Mike had been a Christian for several years, and, according to family and friends, had given a wonderful Christian testimony, even during his long illness.

He is survived by his mother and father, a sister, Deborah Lois, three grandparents, other relatives and many friends.

Brief memorial services were held in Hattiesburg and Meridian, before the body was carried to Louisville for the final funeral service. The body lay in state in the First Baptist Church, Louisville from 10 a. m. to 2:00 p. m., on Monday, July 31, and funeral services were from the church at 2:00 o'clock. Officiating were Rev. Leonard Holloway, Meridian, assisted by Rev. Vernon May, Louisville, and Rev. Hollis Bryant, Laurel. Interment was in the Memorial Park, Louisville.



MEREDITH DOUGLASS EZELL has been named reference librarian at Southwestern Seminary effective August 15. He is a native of Greenville. Ezell has served two years in the audio-visual division of Fleming Library since 1965. He holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern and expects to receive the doctor of theology degree in December, 1968. He plans to work in the area of library science at North Texas State University, Denton, in connection with his duties at Southwestern.

Church, Hamlet, North Carolina.

Mr. Prothro is married to the former Martha Dunnahoe and they have two sons, Stephen, age nine, and David, age six.



STATE BAPTIST SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SET

The State Baptist slow-pitch Softball Tournament will be held in Jackson Aug. 24-25-26, according to R. W. Brister, Jackson, director of the Hinds Baptist Recreation Association, sponsor.

Last year 26 churches were represented and this year's tournament should be the largest yet, according to Mr. Brister.

Any Baptist church interested in having a team to participate should contact Mr. Brister at once at P. O. Box 16052, Jackson, Miss. Entrance fee is \$19.00 per team and the deadline for entry is August 16.

Broadmoor Church in Jackson was the 1966 tournament winner.

IN HONDURAS

TV Watchers Rally To Baptist Program

Enthusiastic televiewers in Honduras have saved Baptists' weekly program, "The Church in the Home," from an unfavorable time spot and helped put another Baptist program on the air.

On May 17, Southern Baptist Missionary Harold E. Hurst, producer - director of "The Church in the Home," was informed by the station manager in Tegucigalpa that the program would have to relinquish its place in the Sunday evening prime - time lineup. The time was needed for another commitment, it was explained.

An interview with the president of the three-channel TV company produced nothing more than an uncertain offer of a Sunday morning spot. So Mr. Hurst took the case to the people.

When he went on the air May 21 he appealed to viewers to come to the program's support. The station's telephone switchboard immediately jammed with calls, and during the next week 1,471 letters were received, many of them bearing from 20 to 40 signatures. Items in four newspapers fanned interest.

By Saturday the president was ready for another conference. He and Mr. Hurst agreed on a good Saturday evening spot for the Baptists.

Then, remembering that a Sunday morning time had been mentioned, the missionary suggested it would be nice to start Sundays with a devotional program. Much to his surprise, the president acquiesced: "It probably would be good. To show you there is no discrimination, we'll give you that time. When do

you want to start?"

Thus, on June 3, "The Church in the Home" began appearing at 5:30 p. m. Saturdays, and the next morning the new program, "Sunday Devotions," opened in its 9:30 spot.

"I've filed most of the letters we received," says Mr. Hurst. "It surprised even me to learn how popular our program is, although it has an estimated audience of well over 250,000."

"It will take some time to gain an audience for the new program, but I'm sure we will."

"But—what do I have myself into now? More scripts, more rehearsals."

"And I also have duties with the Baptist theological institute, the book store, the medical clinic in El Porvenir, and field evangelism."

"If my work load were narrowed, I could really go into TV!"

Alaska Church Dedicates \$1.2 Million Building

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) —First Baptist Church here has dedicated a new \$1.2 million church plant which will seat 1,250 people and provide space for 21 Sunday School departments.

Special guest speakers for the week-long dedication were Anchorage Mayor Elmer E. Rasmussen, Attorney Stanley McCutcheon, Alaska Senator Ernest Gruening, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Pioneer secretary Wendell Bely, and Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Secretary W. Hunkle Jr.

Children's Village Reunion Is Slated For August 12

The day's events on August 12 will begin around 9 a. m. W. G. Mize, former superintendent of the home, says that the planning committee will feature the early years with publications and pictures this year, then the middle years at a later reunion, and finally, recently years at a subsequent time.

He asks that Village alumni make it a point to contact one or more former associates and urge them to meet at Children's Village on Saturday, August 12, for the Homecoming Reunion. "It will be helpful if you will drop a note to 'Baptist Children's Village, Box A, Delta Station, Jackson, and tell them how many will be in your party, including yourself," he says.

IN GREECE

DR. CHESTER E. QUARLES, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, and his tour party to Europe, Turkey, and the Holy Land, are pictured in bottom photo on the steps of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. Top photo, at left: E. L. "Ed" Herring, Mendenhall; Rev. John W. Green, Winona, and Dr. Quarles stand on the windy Acropolis (top of city) in Athens. Top photo, right: At the Parthenon, Dr. Quarles and Mrs. E. L. Herring of Mendenhall in foreground; Dr. Robert Hamblin, Tupelo, and Rev. Roy Colum, Philadelphia, in background. On Sunday during this visit to Greece, Rev. Roy Colum spoke in the group's morning service at Old Corinth, and Rev. Robert Hamblin in the evening at nearby Mars Hill.

Church Message 'Unchanging' Speaker Says

DETROIT (RNS) — Styles may come and go, the president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union said here, but the message of the church is "unchanging."

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows made his remarks at the interdenominational, international and interracial 49th Christian Endeavor Convention here. It was sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

"The true church is indestructible because it proclaims an unchanging message to the world," Bishop Meadows declared. "Styles may come and go, girls may change from wearing long hair to short. Boys may shift from pompadours and short hair to long flowing locks."

"But the message of the church — the message of the terrible sin — the violation of God's eternal laws, and the glorious message of the forgiveness for sin through Christ and the transformation of people's lives by His grace is unchanged from one generation to the next."

The young delegates at the convention passed resolutions calling for Christian approaches in a number of areas.

Historic Church Sells Property In Atlanta

ATLANTA (BP) — Inman Park Baptist Church, one of Atlanta's most historic churches, has voted to sell its buildings and property to the state Highway Department for \$757,300 to enable the state to build a connector road between new interstate highways being planned.

The church has until Dec. 31 to vacate the property. A new location is being sought in Southeast Atlanta, and there is a possibility of a merger with another church, said Pastor J. Broadus Martow.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Mt. Pleasant, West: youth-led revival, students from Mississippi College were Russ Bush, Don Nichols, Peggy Gault; from Clarke College, Roy Pinkston, Jr.; from Holmes Junior College, Kay Martin; Rev. J. D. Johnson, pastor; two rededications; one public profession of faith, for baptism.

First Church, Pontotoc: Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor, First Church, Shreveport, evangelist; Dennis Bucher, director of music, Calvary Church, Jackson, song leader; Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor, 10 for baptism.

Gore Springs Church: Rev. G. H. Middleton, Southside, Louisville, evangelist; John Dresbach, First Church, Wilson, Arkansas, music; Rev. Edgar Harvey, pastor; 2 professions of faith; 1 by letter.

First Church, Durant: Dr. Robert Hughes, Pensacola, Florida, evangelist; Mr. Randle Veazey and Mr. Herbert Valentine, music; Rev. Durrell Makamson, pastor, 14 professions of faith; 4 by letter; 3 rededications.

Ridgeway, Vicksburg: July 9-15; Rev. Gwin Turner, Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg evangelist; J. Doyle Turner, Myrtle, music director; 16 professions of faith; two by letter; scores of rededication; Rev. Charles Tyler, pastor.

Utica Church: July 9-14, one by letter, one by statement, and nine by profession of faith. Evangelist Rev. Billy Smith of Independence, Miss.; Rev. John Ed Snell, pastor.

Bassfield Church: July 16-21; evangelist: Rev. Carl Barnes, pastor of Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg; song leader: Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music and youth, First Prentiss; additions by letter: 4; professions of faith: 6; largest attendance in many years; "a genuine church revival"; Rev. Luther M. Doty.



"WINNING OTHERS FOR CHRIST" — MIAMI — Leaflets are handed out by Bill Lee, Mississippi Baptist of Picayune, delegate at the 68th annual meeting in Miami of Gideons International, an association of business and professional Christians men dedicated to "winning others for Christ." The Gideons are noted for their wide distribution of Scriptures in public places — hotel rooms, hospitals, prisons, transportation facilities, and military installations. — RNS PHOTO.

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Action, Now!

The nation has been shocked during the past few days by the tragic events which have occurred in Detroit, Newark and other American cities. It is difficult to believe that such things could happen in the United States.

Now national leaders, both in and out of the government, are seeking to assess the reasons for these lawless, senseless, riotous acts. Many explanations are being given, and more will come. Nevertheless, it seems evident that many of the smug answers that were given after Watts will not satisfy now.

Out of all of it, one thing seems evident: Social action is not enough! We have been hearing much about the necessity for more social action, and that Southern Baptists must move into that field in a larger way if they are to be relevant to this modern age. The fact is that large segments of Christendom have been giving major emphasis in this area. Some denominations and many churches seem to have been giving priority to bringing about social justice, raising of living standards, and solution of racial problems.

Religious leaders and other groups have prevailed upon the government to become concerned about social needs, and national, state, and local governments have poured multiplied millions of dollars into social action programs. The federal government has adopted the president's slogan of "the Great Society" and America has set about to build a new society for all of its citizens.

According to reports no cities in the nation have done more in social action than Newark and Detroit. The budget for social services in the city of Detroit for 1967 is reported to be \$27,000,000. This was for community improvements, youth programs, job training, etc. Racial discrimination in job opportunities is said to be practically non-existent in Detroit. Many churches

in the city have dedicated much of their program to social matters. Certainly not all of the problems have been solved, but it seems evident that no city has made a greater effort to solve social problems.

Yet Detroit has been hit as if by a bomb. The losses are astronomical. Never in the history of America has there been such lawlessness and rioting. More than 40 were killed, and thousands were injured. Great segments of the city were left in ruins.

What is wrong? Where was the failure? What was lacking?

The answers, perhaps, are many, and various groups may find different ones. For Christians, however, there seems to be one basic answer, no matter how many others may be found.

That answer is simple. Social action simply is not enough. Men and women and young people need something more than mere social uplift. They need regeneration! They need the new birth! They need their hearts changed, and only that can change their lives. The Bible says that the hearts of men are evil. Let those who deny this, explain what has happened in Newark or Detroit, or the actions of those leaders who are declaring that they will "burn America". Human nature needs a change! Only God can give it! Men and women need the work of God in their hearts. Social action does not bring that.

Has this fact been forgotten by many Christian leaders? Has their zeal for social work been so great that they have overlooked the greater need of salvation? Some modern churches apparently have become so obsessed with social needs that they have abandoned preaching the gospel altogether. Others have substituted sacramental salvation and church membership for a new birth. The result is that the vast majority of the people are still unregenerate.

It is from such groups that lawless, Godless, destructive forces are recruited. Such unsaved people are a fertile field for communist propaganda and enlistment. Many of them readily listen when Godless men lead them to hate, rioting, theft, murder, looting, and other lawless acts.

Most certainly the churches have responsibility in the social field, and must be concerned about the needs of people. Also, government agencies should do everything possible to solve social problems. Every

citizen has a responsibility to work for justice and full freedom for his fellow men. But the church has a larger responsibility. It alone can carry the message of salvation, and any time that it substitutes social action for soul winning, or emphasizes the one and neglects the other, the result will be tragic. Many other groups will share in meeting the social need, but only the church can meet the spiritual.

Detroit, Newark, Watts and a hundred other places shout at the church. They are crying that it is time that Christians were busy at the main task the Lord gave them . . . namely, winning men and women, boys and girls, to personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and an experience of salvation. Nothing else is so important! Nothing else is so necessary! This alone, in the final analysis, can bring the change America needs.

Southern Baptists, and all other Christian groups who believe in the redemption of souls through the Lord Jesus Christ, need to be aroused. There was much discussion at the recent Southern Baptist Convention about cooperation with other evangelicals. Maybe this is the hour, and this is the cause, which can bring cooperation in Christian witness. Why should not every evangelical in America join now in praying and planning and working for the greatest revival and soul winning crusade the nation ever has known?

We have been playing at evangelism, winning a few and leaving the masses untouched. Now Satan is on the march. Communism and other Godless isms are courting and reaching the multitudes the churches have neglected. Satanic leaders are calling men to follow them in programs which will destroy America. Christianity has the only answer to this, with its message of Jesus Christ.

Will Southern Baptists awake to the world need that is about them? Will they arise from their lethargy and lead out in a mighty soul winning effort? Will they turn to God for revival, and then, filled and led of the Holy Spirit, go forth as endued witnesses to bring men to God?

If they do, God could use them use them to lead out in the revival America needs.

If they do not, what is ahead, for them, and for America? God may get somebody else, but what will happen to Southern Baptists?

Detroit, and other cities are calling . . . calling for action, now!



Education Commission, SBC

When members of a school committee sat down in Richmond, Rhode Island, for a meeting recently, they found a printed notice at the top of their agenda:

"In the event of atomic attack, all rules against praying in this school are indefinitely suspended."

There are other kinds of explosions today. The explosion of knowledge is one of them, and it is causing professors to have less identity with their pupils and their campuses and more with professional disciplines. To illustrate the professors' taste of staying up-to-date:

There are 10,000 journals of chemistry; 5,000 journals of biology; 1,000 journals of mathematics; 1,000 journals of physics; 9,000 journals of medicine; and 8,000 journals of agriculture available today.

The quantitative explosion is well-known. It is not always recognized, however, that the seeming rebellion of the masses of young people in universities is not just a reflection of their immaturity, but of a climate of revolution that is a part of this era.

Certainly one of the main roles of the university in society is to teach an involvement in contemporary affairs.



The Path Of Least Resistance

By Dr. Charles Myers
Pastor, First Church
McAlester, Oklahoma

Have you ever looked at river from the air? It is an interesting sight and at the same time teaches an effective lesson. The river bed is seldom ever in a straight line but meanders all over the country side. It has various shaped and sized curves and seems to wander back and forth sometimes changing around to go in the exact opposite directions as if it could not make up its mind where it wanted to go. The river itself may flow miles around these curves before it actually covers a distance of a single mile in a straight line from a given point.

And why does the river do this? Well back when this stream had its beginning the first water that flowed started down the hill taking the path of the least resistance.

If a rock or a tree or some solid soil got in its road it changed directions and went another way. Even if it made a U turn and flowed in the opposite direction from which it had come, it still followed the path of least resistance. This water made a small rut. As other amounts of water started in that direction—they fell into these ruts and still following the path of least resistance followed the same course. After years and years of this the river bed was cut and all the water coming that way flowed along this bed. It is because of this that we talk about the river as a lazy stream. And it is a lazy stream because it follows the easy path. When men want to harness its power they bring it into a straight line and force it to exert its power rather than to flow along in the easiest path.

There are many lives that are like that river. They follow the path of least resistance. Every time they come up against a hard task or are called upon to make a difficult decision, they change directions and look for an easier way. They wander off in every direction always looking for an easy way. And much like the river they never realize their potential. Their course is always determined for them. They never determine their course.

The only way these people are going to accomplish much in life is to realize what they are doing. There is a tremendous potential in each of us regardless of how little or great is our ability. But for us to realize that potential this power will have to be harnessed. It can not continue



The Baptist Forum

Mrs. Blackstock Continues To Make Progress

Since summer school has ended, I have been able to join Lil in Maryland. It certainly is good to be with her. I will be able to remain until the third week in August. We had hoped that by then she might be able to return home. However, we are now beginning to doubt it. She is continuing to make progress, but it is very slow. Nevertheless, we are thankful she can be here to receive the treatment, and we certainly don't want to leave too soon.

We are very grateful to you for the kind article in the Baptist Record. Lil has received numerous notes and cards from people because of their having seen the notice.

to take the easy way.

First, we must repent of our sin, accept Jesus Christ as our Lord, and determine to follow Him regardless of the cost or the work involved. Then we must seek his will for our lives. Having found this we must move in a direct line toward the fulfilling of His will and His purpose for us. And no matter how great the obstacle may be that is placed before us we must not surrender to its power, but must by the power of God overcome it. If we will follow such a course, not only will we accomplish great things in life but we will find a personal satisfaction that can be found nowhere else.

We are especially appreciative of the many prayers that have been offered for us. We know that our Lord has been most gracious to us through-out this experience and that He has answered many prayers in our behalf.

Thank you again for your concern and prayers.

R. T. Blackstock, Jr.
P.S. Hello from Mrs. Blackstock: As R. T. has mentioned, we do appreciate so very much the concern and prayers of all you wonderful people. Your various and many remembrances have brightened by stay here. I have received some mail from people I don't know, but who are praying for me because of the article in the paper.

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Associate Named In Georgia

ATLANTA (BP) — Charles C. Duncan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, McCaysville, Ga., for the past 10 years, has been named an associate executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Foundation, Inc.

The Georgia Baptist Foundation, chartered in 1941, as a non-profit organization, currently has a corpus in excess of \$1.5 million. As associate secretary, Duncan will assist Harry V. Smith Sr., execu-

ONE RACE, ONE GOSPEL, ONE TASK two volumes edited by Carl F. H. Henry and W. Stanley Moon-eyham (World Wide Publication, two volumes, more than 850 pp., Volume I \$4.95, Volume II \$6.95, combined price \$9.95)

These are the official volumes of messages, reports, and Bible studies given at the historic World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, Germany, in late 1966. More than 1200 delegates from 100 countries attended this great evangelical congress. Volume I contains the messages delivered at the congress. Here the introductory speeches, the main address, the Bible studies, the reports from various nations and the summary messages are presented as they were delivered at the meeting. There are several messages by Billy Graham, and others by outstanding evangelical leaders from around the world. Volume II includes major papers delivered at the congress, plus 130 brief addresses on the subjects discussed in the sectional meetings. The subjects of the sectional meetings were the authority of evangelism, the theology of evangelism, hindrance to evangelism in the church, obstacles to evangelism in the world, methods of personal evangelism, methods of group evangelism, and some supplementary reports on other themes related to evangelism. These two volumes are two of the most valuable reference works on evangelism to be presented in this generation. They will be invaluable reference works, as well as source books, for all who are interested in evangelizing the world today. They provide inspiration and information that will not be found elsewhere. They will grow more valuable with the passing years as the full impact of this great evangelism conference becomes more evident.

ADAM CLARKE'S COMMENTARY abridged by Ralph Earle (Baker, 1386 pp.)

The Adam Clarke's Commentary on the whole Bible has been used for nearly 150 years, since the New Testament section appeared in 1810. The entire Bible was covered in an eight volume edition which was published in 1826. Now Dr. Ralph Earle, professor of New Testament at Nazarene Theological Seminary, has abridged this classic work so that it could be

used by the church in management of foundation properties, and will serve also in securing additional funds for grants.

published in one volume. He has done such an outstanding job that the values of the work of the original author is retained and all of the essential material is included. Like Matthew Henry, this famous old scholar provides a rich devotional interpretation of the Bible message. One is amazed at the freshness of the material, even for our day. The author wrote. The author was a Methodist, and one of the men entrusted with John Wesley's literary property. He was recognized as an outstanding scholar in his day. While Baptist Bible students will not agree with every interpretation they will find rich material in these pages.

ITS WORTH YOUR LIFE by William M. Dyal Jr. (Association Press, 156 pp., paper \$1.95, cloth \$3.95)

A young Baptist leader speaks to modern youth on the challenge of Christian faith and what Christian living really means in today's world. The messages are clear, pointed, provocative, and challenging. The book won a \$2,000 award as the "best book in the area of youth and Christianity".

AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE by Herschel H. Hobbs (Baker, 355 pp., \$6.95)

This is the second volume of a series of expositions on New Testament books. The first was on Matthew. Dr. Hobbs is one of the most able and widely known scholars known among Southern Baptists. This expository volume covers the book paragraph by paragraph. Out of his broad knowledge Dr. Hobbs reaches into many

areas for his discussion of the great truths of the Bible. His keen mind analyzes and interprets the scripture message and out of his broad knowledge and rich experience he gives illustration and makes application. Dr. Hobbs is a thorough conservative and presents the scripture as it is, the revealed Word of God. This volume, along with others in the series, will prove of great value to both the preacher and other Bible students.

GLEANINGS FROM PAUL — Studies in the Prayers of the Apostle, by Arthur W. Pink (Moody, 351 pp., \$4.95)

As one studies the epistles of Paul he is struck by the number of times the writer mentions prayer, or pauses to insert a prayer in his letter. Now an outstanding Bible scholar, who went to be with the Lord only a few years ago, has gathered these prayers together and presented a study of them. The messages first appeared in a periodical, and now, for the first time, are put in book form. Here will be the material for many messages on prayer, whether sermons, devotionals, or simple Bible study. The author is thorough in his study, rich in his exposition, and deeply spiritual in interpretation and application. This book should have a wide reading, and, once read, will be referred to again and again.

PEN PICTURES IN THE UPPER ROOM by Bernard C. Clausen (Baker, paperback, 187 pp., \$1.50)

These 14 sermons are an attempt to make the communion service more vivid and meaningful. Reprinted from 1927 edition.



IT'S HARD TO BOW REVERENTLY... AND SILENTLY WHEN THE PASTOR SAYS...



MAY WE BOW AS BRO. LILES LEADS US AS WE BRAY....

Anti-Conversion Bill Rejected By India

NEW DELHI (RNS)—India rejected demands, made in the national Parliament, for legislation to "channel" funds of foreign Christian missions in this country through government agencies, and to ban conversions of tribesmen and other Indians under 21.

Vidya Charan Shukla, Minister of State for Home Affairs, told the House that the government already has instituted checks to prevent misuse of mission funds from abroad.

The proposed legislation banning conversion of the young was considered prior to 1950 by the old Constituent Assembly of India and rejected as impractical, he said.

Mr. Shukla pointed out that the government always has taken action in proved instances of conversion under duress. Government policy, he noted, calls for a thorough investigation of all complaints of such conversion.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

August 7 — W. C. Gann, Prentiss-Tishomingo supt. of missions; James Terpo, Panola supt. of missions.

August 8 — Charles Malone, Baptist Book Store; Johnell Cooley, Baptist Book Store.

August 9 — Mrs. Ota Stroud, staff, Children's Village; James A. Breland, Baptist student director, Delta State College.

August 10 — Joanne Kneitel, staff, Clarke College; Mrs. Lenore Hoffman, dietitian, Blue Mountain College.

August 11 — Mrs. Evelyn Burke, Christian Action Commission; Mrs. Roy Womack, Baptist Building.

August 12 — Joel Ray, faculty, Carey College, and supt. of missions, Lebanon Association; Hazel Beauchamp, staff, Carey College.

August 13 — Mrs. Marilyn Walker, staff, Gilroy School of Nursing; D. Gray Miley, faculty, Mississippi College.

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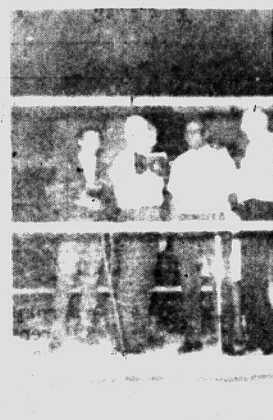
ARTHUR BLESSITT preaches in Hollywood's Sinners A-Go-Go Club, which features topless dancers.



CHRISTIAN TEEN-AGERS and Rev. and Mrs. Blessitt witness to hippies during "love-in" at Griffith Park, Los Angeles, Memorial Day weekend.



MRS. ARTHUR BLESSITT witnesses to a young man on the beach at Sunset Strip.



GOSPEL SINGING preceded the wrestling match at San Bernardino, California.



BLESSITT preaches to young people standing before a sign to which is attached "God is Dead"; 1,000 heard this message in front of a nightclub in Phoenix, Ariz.



BLESSITT preaches from the back of a pick-up truck in front of the "Little Freezer" Ice Cream Stand at Oak Grove, La.



SINNERS A-GO-GO Club allowed Blessitt to hang his revival sign underneath their own.

Church Public Relations To Be Featured At Assemblies

NASHVILLE — The church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will offer conferences in church public relations at Glorieta Baptist Assembly Aug. 10-16, and at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly Aug. 24-30, simultaneously with Bible weeks.

Skilled leaders will conduct conferences in "What Is Church Public Relations?" "Improving the Community Image of Your Church," "Press Relations and Your Church," "How to Plan a Publicity Campaign," "When Unfavorable News Develops"

and "Lead Church Members to Think PR."

Workshops will show how to prepare church brochures and newspapers, how to conduct direct mail campaigns and how to plan promotional materials on a limited budget.

For registration, write Mark Short, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, 87535; or Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, 28770.

He married Sherry Simmons of Bogalusa, La., in 1963. They have two children, a girl, Gina, and a boy, Joel.

He entered full-time evangelism during the summer of 1965.

Future Plans

In future, as soon as possible, he hopes to open a Christian Teen-agers Coffee Shop on Sunset Strip in Hollywood. He also plans to open a beach house there, where young people and college students can gather. There will be a permanent staff to work with the young people in Christian, recreational activities.

It Is A Way

Earl B. Crawford, metropolitan missionary for the Calvary - Arrowhead Southern Baptist Association, Riverside, California, who helped in the evangelistic rally at the wrestling match, has written to Blessitt: "For a long time we have realized that the conventional methods are not going to win all the people to Christ. We do win a few but we are leaving out a great many because our methods are limited. As you said to me afterwards the other night, this is not the way, but it is a way to win some and therefore I'm hoping that others will be doing this sort of thing. I hope to encourage some to do so."

made for Christ the local co-operating church groups lead in the follow-up programs. I challenge young people all over America to join in outreach for Christ through your church youth group. We welcome all unusual ideas that have been used to reach young people for Christ."

Follow-Up

As follow-up on those who make professions of faith in the evangelistic rallies, Blessitt writes them a letter, a teen-ager writes a letter, and a local pastor writes a letter and visits.

The Idea

Where did Blessitt get his idea of going to the people where they are? He says, "I studied Paul's ministry and Jesus' ministry, and thought, 'If Paul were preaching today, where would he be preaching? In the church only? Where would Jesus be? Talking with publicans and sinners where they are? Talking to the woman at the well?'"

Mississippi

Arthur Blessitt was born October 27, 1940, in Greenville, Mississippi. Born again in August of 1948, he then surrendered to preach at the age of 15.

While at Mississippi College he was active in youth evangelism and pastored the East Lincoln Church in Brookhaven. He later studied at Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, California.

While serving with the Home Mission Board in 1962, he started the First Southern Baptist Church, Anaconda, Montana. Still with the Home Mission Board, he began the Southern Baptist mission work in northeastern Nevada.

In 1964-65 he established the Calvary Baptist Church in Elko, Nevada, along with four other missions in that area.

During his year and a half in Nevada, he received national attention for his courageous fight against prostitution in the state.

Later he led in starting the Valley Baptist Church in Oceanside, California.

NIGHTCLUBS, WRESTLING MATCHES, TEEN-AGE HANG-OUTS

He Reaches People Where They Are

By Anne W. McWilliams

The good-looking young preacher walked over to the dimly lighted bar. His blonde, brown-eyed wife stopped at a table to talk with one of the nightclub patrons.

The preacher did not buy a drink. Nor did his wife accept one from the gentleman with whom she spoke. Both were pursuing their lives' greatest goal: to go "where the people are" to tell them of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I have orders to get you out of here," That was the manager's voice.

"May we see the owner first?" the couple wanted to know.

"It's the owner who wants you to leave," came the snappy reply.

Moments later, in the office of the owner of Sinners A-Go-Go Club in Hollywood, California, Rev. Arthur Blessitt said, "If I had the courage to come in here, into a club billing topless dancers, you ought, at least, to listen to what I have to say!"

So the owner listened, and then he gave permission for Blessitt to hold an evangelistic rally in his club.

At 1:30 in the morning Preacher Blessitt stood where only ten minutes before a topless dancer had performed. For the rally, the dancers had dressed and returned to listen. The live music was hushed. Selling beer and mixed drinks was taboo for the next thirty minutes.

When Blessitt began to preach the word of Christ, the room was crowded, but at least half were fellow Christians (all adults) who had accompanied him to the nightclub to hear him speak and to do personal witnessing. With the click of billiard balls, and "hallelujahs" from vocal bar patrons, as a background, the young man talked of the search for happiness, and the acceptance of Christ into one's life. His wife, Sherry, rose to say that she was a go-go girl for Jesus Christ. Robert Cram sang spirituals.

At the invitation time, no one stepped forward to receive Christ, but afterward several came to talk with Blessitt. One of the dancers was converted, quit her job, and went back to her husband.

Blessitt has held six evangelistic rallies in nightclubs this year. He says, "You know, even when the club patrons get up and leave, we've achieved some success, for we've made them think of God."

The Challenge

Mississippi-born Arthur Blessitt is a young man faced with a problem, a challenge. He is not the first preacher who has noticed that thousands of people, who need to know about Jesus Christ, are not coming to church. But he is meeting this challenge in his own way, with enthusiasm and sincerity: "If we can't

get people to come to church to hear God's message of redemption, then it's our duty to carry the message to them where they are!"

When teen-agers are not in prayer meeting on Wednesday night, then where are they? Find them and go to them with the message.

If adults are not in church, where are they? Find them and give them the message.

A Revolutionary Answer

Blessitt admits that this method may be bizarre and revolutionary and sensational, but he adds that it has brought fantastic results. "Get out to the people where they are," he says. "Win them to Christ and to Christianity and then you can enlist them in the church program."

The evangelist is a Southern Baptist, a member of the Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association which has headquarters in San Bernardino, California, P. O. Box 3146. Many Baptists are sending a dollar or more monthly to the association to help support this young man's ministry. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City is president of the association. Blessitt holds regularly scheduled revival meetings in churches and in specific areas all over the country. His ministry of going out where the people are, or "Outreach for Christ," as he calls it, does not take the place of revivals, but is done in addition to the revival ministry, often at night after the revival meeting. The Association has recorded 672 professions of faith and 2321 total public decisions during the last year.

A Wrestling Match

One night recently in San Bernardino, 1500 persons who went to a wrestling match heard organ music as they entered the auditorium. When they had found their seats and opened their programs, they heard gospel singing. Many looked around to see if they had accidentally stumbled into a church. But no, there was the ring, and the wrestlers crawling under the ropes.

Those who had read their newspapers that morning knew what was going on. Under the wrestling column on the sports page, not on the religious page—it had been advertised that an evangelistic rally would be part of the program at the wrestling match, and that Arthur Blessitt would be the preacher. One sports fan remarked in astonishment, "Well, that's the first time I ever heard of preaching at a wrestling match! or any other sports event, for that matter!"

After the wrestling there was more gospel singing, then testimonies and messages. Counselors stood at the four corners of the ring to talk to those who came forward at the invitation. Six people professed faith in Christ.

When Blessitt goes out to try to reach teen-agers WHERE THEY ARE—as he has done in many cities all over the country—ten to one hundred teen-age Christian witnesses go out with him and his wife, Sherry. They seek the spot where the most teen-agers are likely to be, and go to that place. Other adults go along, too, with at least one adult accompanying every five teen-age witnesses. On arrival, they mingle with the crowd and give out tracts ("God's Message to You") and do personal witnessing. Then if they can obtain permission, they hold an evangelistic rally right there on the spot.

They begin by singing choruses and gospel songs. Several teen-agers speak, giving their Christian testimony. Blessitt does not get up and "preach a sermon," but rather speaks briefly between songs and other testimonies.

Griffith Park

Holidays are left open, with no revivals scheduled, so that the Blessitts can go to places such as Sunset Strip where there are constantly thousands of teen-agers and young people on the beach, or to any place where huge crowds of teen-agers are gathered, to witness to them WHERE THEY ARE.

Memorial Day, 1967, Arthur and Sherry and 17 young people from five churches went to Griffith Park, Los Angeles, to witness to the hippies who were having a "love-in." Blessitt asked them to let him speak on the love of God. At first, the hippies refused, but finally consented to listen. Two teen-agers and Blessitt gave their testimonies. There were 14 professions of faith.

The Christian group had fellowship, food, fun, prayer, study, and witnessing. Reports of their adventures were carried all over the world. Reporters from European and British Commonwealth newspapers interviewed Blessitt. Newspaper articles were printed in the Los Angeles Times and other papers across the country. Almost all radio stations in California carried this story. Blessitt was interviewed on KABC by Michael Jackson whose name is a household word to millions.

At the "Little Freezer"

At Oak Grove, Louisiana, the Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association held a rally in front of the "Little Freezer" Ice Cream Stand. Five hundred teen-agers were gathered there. Fifty more arrived to help with the rally. Blessitt spoke from the back of a pick-up truck, using a loudspeaker. There were three professions of faith.

At Skating Rinks

When a youth rally was held at Central Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, 75 teen-agers joined in "Outreach for Christ" and went out to do personal witnessing that night.

Later, another night in Hattiesburg, 51 young people went out, and 26 were saved during an evangelistic rally held INSIDE a skating rink, where they had gained permission to stop the skating and hold the meeting.

At Bogalusa, La., a rally was held OUTSIDE a skating rink, with gospel singing and testimonies in the open night air. Twelve were saved.

In Phoenix, Arizona

A near riot erupted in Phoenix, Arizona, when a group of teenage young people led by Blessitt presented their witness for Christ in front of a teen-age nightclub.

A black, flower-covered coffin was set on top of a pickup truck as about 1,000 young people poured out of the Fifth Estate Club near midnight as it closed after a Saturday night dance.

Pastor Irvin M. Reed and the young people from Scottsdale Road Baptist Church in Tempe lifted signs and began to chant, "God is Dead." The crowd rushed to the truck and saw the coffin with a sign on it: "God is dead."

As the crowd gathered, Blessitt shouted, "God is not dead; He lives in my heart!" The church youth lifted their

signs, saying, "God is not dead—He lives; Jesus lives in my heart."

Just as the evangelist began to speak, a group of teen-agers charged through the police lines and destroyed the coffin. Some of the church group had coke poured on them and were cursed. Blessitt, standing on the back of the truck, was struck in the back by a board, spit upon, and hit in the face twice with rocks.

After the police restored order, Blessitt preached to about 1,000 young people. Teen-agers from the church climbed onto the pick-up and sang "He Lives."

A large group remained until 1:30 a. m. to be witnessed to and counseled with by the young people and their church advisors.

Other Places

Blessitt was witnessed at the "Hell's Angels" camp in Southern California, in Bourbon Street "strip joints," Nevada gambling casinos, and houses of prostitution. To these latter places, of course, he did not take the teen-age witnesses, but he and his wife, and sometime other adults, went.

He says, "As decisions are



NEW MISS N.C., Joan Stephanie Myers (left), newly crowned Miss Mississippi, explained one of her talent paintings to the new Miss Mississippi College, Eva Carol Aultman of Columbia. Miss Aultman succeeded to the throne at the college when Miss Myers won the Miss Mississippi Contest. Miss Aultman was one of the ten finalists in the state-wide contest last year at Miss Marion County. Both girls are Baptist. Miss Aultman is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Aultman of Columbia, while Miss Myers is the daughter of Mrs. G. L. Myers of Forest, N.C. (Photo)

Reigning Miss

(Continued from Page 1)

pi College as a freshman she has captured one beauty title after another. Many veteran observers feel she will capture even another one at the Miss America Pageant in September.

As a freshman, she was voted "Most Beautiful" by her fellow classmates and was featured in the Tribesman, the college yearbook. She later was elected "Sweetheart of Delta Sig" early this past school year, later became the "Rose of Delta Sig" and entered in a national contest sponsored by the business fraternity. She was named first alternate in this national contest.

Beauty Recognized Early

Her beauty was first recognized back in high school when she was attending Tullahoma High in Tullahoma, Tenn. There she was voted "Miss Tullahoma High" and reigned as Homecoming Queen.

Miss Myers is seeking a double-major in art and biology at Mississippi College and hopes to enter the field of medical illustration. It was her art training that won her the talent portion at the Miss Mississippi contest. She displayed art which illustrated contrasting moods of Boris Pasternak's "Dr. Zhivago" and did on-stage drawings explaining the impressionist works as she sketched.

Miss Myers is a member of the First Baptist Church of Clinton and active in many of its activities. She is also a member of the Baptist Student Union at the college and loyal participant.

Selection as Miss Mississippi has forced Miss Myers to give up her reign as Miss Mississippi College. Now wearing that crown is Miss Eva Carol Aultman of Columbia, runner-up to Miss Myers in the local campus contest and one of the ten finalists in the Miss Mississippi Pageant last year as Miss Marion County.

Miss Aultman is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Aultman of Columbia. Dr. Aultman is pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city and a member of the Mississippi College Board of Trustees.



Beth and R. L. Sigrest

The Sigrests To Present Sacred Music Concert

R. L. and Beth Sigrest will appear in a concert of sacred music at First Church, Yazoo City, on Thursday night, August 3, 8 p. m. This concert is being sponsored by the Mozart Music Club of Yazoo City.

Natives of Yazoo City, Mr. Sigrest and his wife, Beth, first served together as a music evangelism team when they were in high school. Both sing and play several musical instruments.

Mr. Sigrest is an ordained minister of the Gospel. Possessing a dedicated lyric tenor voice, his interest in evangelism has kept him singing and preaching in more than 100 revival meetings. For six years he served as a pastor in Mississippi. He has also served various churches

as minister of music.

Mr. Sigrest has recently released an album of sacred music, "I'll Tell The World." In addition to revival meetings and concerts, his recent activities include singing before the Conference of Evangelists at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, and at the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference. He has also recently made special tape recordings of gospel music to be sent to the American troops in Vietnam.

There will be no admission charge for the concert program on August 3; however, a free-will offering will be taken. The public is invited.

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The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—The One True God Stewardship Of Example

By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 17

Paul was a zealous and daring missionary. When it seemed wise to leave Philippi, he departed for Thessalonica, accompanied by Silas and Timothy. When vicious opposition arose, the missionaries moved on to Berea,



where again there was fruitful work for a time but where opposition led Paul to go on to Athens, with instructions to Silas and Timothy to join him there. Paul did not run from opposition. He was following a wise strategy of preaching the gospel, starting churches, and going on to other centers. Our lesson concentrates on his experience in Athens, a city famous for its philosophy and art and idolatry.

The Lesson Explained GOD UNKNOWN BUT REAL (vv. 22-23)

Paul was not unacquainted with Greek culture and philosophy. But he was burdened with concern for the spiritual depravity of the Athenians. He saw evidence on every side that the city was steeped in idolatry. He, therefore, used the many idols as a tactful introduction for his sermon. The Athenians were very religious, but their religion was superstition, pure idolatry. In their anxiety not to overlook any god, they had erected an altar "to the unknown God." Paul had seen this, and he referred to it to tell them about the true God, Jehovah, the God of Israel, the God of all men—the only true God. God was unknown to the Athenians, but he was nonetheless real. God is a fact regardless of his being known or unknown, trusted or rejected. God is not just a projection of the mind or a concept in theology. He is real—supreme Person, eternal Spirit almighty Lord.

GOD . . . ACTIVE AND BENEFICIENT (vv. 24-28)

Paul declared to his hearers that God is the Creator of the universe, the Lord of heaven and earth. He cannot dwell in some man-made temple. Through his creative power the human race had its beginning, and through his sovereignty the human race has been preserved. The nations are under his control and are dependent on his purpose. Paul was declaring the unity of humanity because of a common origin in the first man Adam and because of a common dependence on the sovereignty of God.

The point of Paul's argument is that God is active and beneficent, because he is the living God—a living Person—whose being is controlled by goodwill toward all the objects of his creation.

GOD RIGHTEOUS AND REDEMPTIVE (vv. 29-31)

Paul went on to emphasize the response which people ought to make to God because of his righteousness and his redemptive love for them. Because men are the offspring of God, they ought never to think that his nature is like gold or silver or stone, something which can be carved by man into an image or idol. God dealt with mankind mercifully and patiently, overlooking his ignorance. Even so, God's righteousness requires man to be righteous. Therefore, man's sin requires repentance. God has appointed a day of judgment when men shall answer for the deeds of this life. God's righteousness and redemptive purpose found supreme expression in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul came to the climax of his sermon in the emphasis on the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Truths to Live By

False gods cannot satisfy the deep needs of man. — There is universal hunger for the true God. Such yearning can never be answered by superstition and idolatry or by the worship of science, wealth, fame and success, or the state. Such false gods are futile and worthless in relation to man's sense of guilt, his awareness of the moral responsibility, his fear of death, and his desire for a rational explanation of the

mystery and meaning of life. Something in the heart of man reaches out for the God of infinite love and power, of truth and righteousness, the God who communicates with man and responds to his cry, the God of forgiving grace and moral strength, the God of eternal unchangeableness, the God who has come near to man to help and to save him.

Speculation and rationalism are destructive to faith.—People are learning but not coming to a knowledge of the truth. They are asking questions without finding sensible answers. They are becoming academic without becoming educated. And thus their faith is drying up. It is time for Christians—and others as well—to learn that faith is not contrary to fact; it is not contrary to science. Faith goes beyond science to find in God the meanings and the motivations for life. Faith is unafraid of questions because it believes in God.

God commands men to repent.—If men do not repent with godly sorrow and with true faith, they will be condemned to eternal torment. Both the wrath and the mercy of God should lead people everywhere to repent, without delay.

FRANKLIN TO CELEBRATE 50TH YEAR

Franklin Church, Flora, in Madison County, will celebrate its 50th Year as a Baptist church on August 13, with Homecoming Day.

"We invite all the members to come and bring a basket lunch and bring your friends and enjoy church services at 11:00 A.M. with lunch on the grounds. The afternoon will be spent in singing. Guest speakers will be Rev. C. S. Moulder, whose father, Rev. Dan Moulder, organized the church fifty years ago," states Rev. W. M. Buffington, pastor.

Revival will begin Monday night, August 14, with Rev. Lynton Younger, pastor of Ridgeland Church, evangelist; Bill Wilbanks of Jackson leading in song service; and Miss Sue Cox at the piano; services Monday through Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Correction

Last week's "Names in the News" column stated that Dr. Jack Lyl, Director of the Fine Arts Division at Mississippi College, had accepted a position as minister of music at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. This was incorrect. The church has not yet called a minister of music. Jim Hawkins, organist at Daniel, is serving as interim music director.

By Bill Duncan

I Corinthians 10:23-11:1

The power of example cannot be measured. There are a lot of persons whose influence reaches around the world through lives they have touched for God. Just as powerful is the example for God and good is the influence for evil. Many people find excess for evil in the lives of so-called church people.

A person is responsible for the influence which he casts. The Bible teaches that one

should not teach or lead another to sin. "It would be better that a millstone were thrown around his neck and that he were cast into the bottom of the sea than that he would lead one of the little ones astray." Therefore, it is important that the conduct of Christians lead others in the right path.

In this passage Paul is laying the principles of the right kind of conduct so that a good example can be set. In a day when so many question the guidelines of morality, the Christian needs to be careful he practices the Christian spirit of influence.

Principles 23, 24

These principles are the conclusion to the section that admonishes the Corinthians to "flee from idolatry". There can be no leisurely contemplation of sin, thinking that one can go so far, and is safe from going further. The only wise course is to have nothing to do with it. The problem had come in question concerning the eating of meat offered to idols. In the preceding passage, Paul had explained the significance of taking part in idol feasts.

The principle introduced concerning one's example is that what actions are to be edifying. There are many things that are lawful but that are not wise. They do not build men up in the faith. It is more important to avoid such matters than to assert one's rights. The test for the Christian is not to be found in self, or in advantage to self spiritually, but in others, and the effect that may be produced upon others.

It is important that every Christian have a concern for the well being of others. There is no word in the Greek corresponding to wealth in verse 24. Paul intended that each Christian should seek to promote the best interest of other people, not selfishly seek his own.

The Specific Example Vs. 25-30

In verse 25-30 Paul made specific application to Corinth. There a great part of the sacrifices offered to idols went back to the market place, the shambles, where the meat was offered for sale as food. What were the Christian people to do? His advice

is that a Christian can buy anything that is sold in the shops and ask no question. As we have seen, it was true that the meat sold in the shops might well have formed part of a sacrifice or might well have been slaughtered in the name of some god lest the demons enter into it; but it is possible to be too fussy, to create difficulties where none exist. After all, the earth and all that is in it belong to God, and all things are God's.

If the Christian accepts an invitation to dinner in the house of a pagan, let him eat that what is put before him and ask no questions. But if he is deliberately informed that the meat is part of a sacrifice he must not eat it. The assumption is that he is told by a brother who cannot rid his conscience of the feeling that to eat such meat is wrong. Out of consideration for the weaker conscience of such a one that strong should abstain from eating. The action which to the strong is a simple exercise of liberty must not be made the means of offense to another.

The meat is a gift of God and one should be thankful for it. Paul does not wish that an action done in this spirit should be a means of bringing forth evil speaking from others.

Summary 31:1-11

Paul summarizes everything by saying, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." We do not do things to the glory of God when we are vaunting our liberty at the expense of our brother. We do things to the glory of God when, as in the case of Paul, we give up certain of our rights in the interest of others.

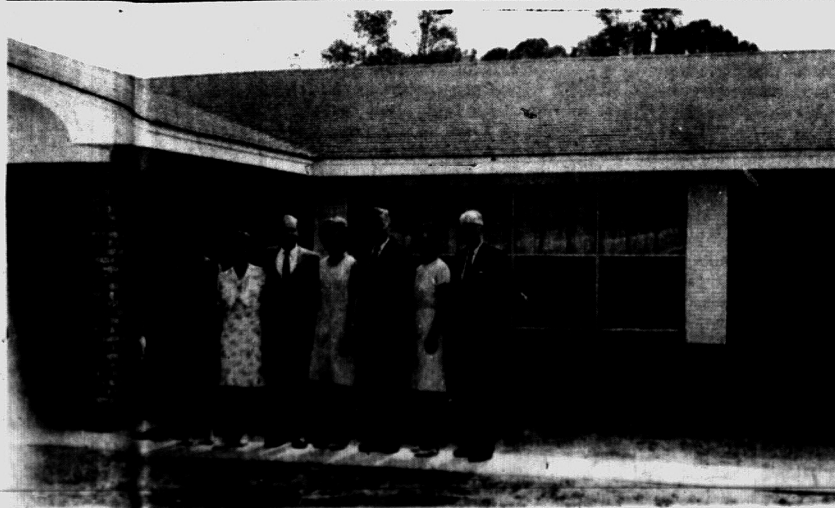
"Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God." There are two principles of action—first, everything to the glory of God; second, putting no stumbling-block in the way of a brother. The glory of God and the good of man—all life is to be conditioned by these things.

Paul concludes by appealing to his own example. No personal advantage determines his guiding aim. He seeks that many may be saved. He does not do things that are pleasing to himself. So he calls on his followers to be imitators of him. He trusts that his example will point them to the Saviour.

FIRST, MIZE TO CALL ROLL

First Church, Mize, will have a special roll call service at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, August 6.

"We would like for all resident members and as many non-resident members as possible to be present," states Virgil T. Sullivan, chairman of deacons.



(Pictured right to left—Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty, Pastor and Mrs. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Lew. Not in picture Richard Regner.)

Emmanuel, Biloxi, Completes Pastorium

The new pastorium of Emmanuel Church, 515 Rodenburg, Biloxi, was recently occupied by Rev. Justus Garrett, pastor, and family. The home was built adjacent to the church by Louise Builders, Bay St. Louis, (Glenel Sellers, contractor).

The new two story approximately 3,000 square feet with five bedrooms, three baths, living room, dining room, den-kitchen, and two-car garage. It is constructed of brick veneer and is centrally heated and air conditioned. All walls but the living room and dining room are paneled.

The Pastorium Committee responsible for finding the plan and supervising construction was composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flaherty, Mrs. Sam Lewis and Mr. Richard Regner. Mr. Flaherty was chairman.

Russell Plans Homecoming Day

Russell Church, Lauderdale Association, will have Homecoming Day on Sunday, August 6. A special offering will be taken for the building fund. Lunch will be served on the church lawn. Rev. Frank Tribble, Jr., pastor, extends an invitation to all former members and pastors.

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THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon theme for August and September is "Life's Haunting Questions." The sermon topics for the last three Sundays in August are:

August 13 — "Is This a Friendly Universe?"

August 20 — "Does Anybody Care?"

August 27 — "Does Life Have a Leader?"

Dr. William E. Hull, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be THE BAPTIST HOUR speaker for seven weeks beginning August 13.

The Baptist Hour Mississippi Stations:

WMPA, Abbeville, Sun. 8:00A; WCHJ, Brookhaven, Sun. 1:30P; WMGO, Canton, Sun. 7:00A; WMCB, Clinton, T&T 8:30P; WCU, Columbia, Sun. 9:00A; WJCR, Columbus, Sun. 10:30A; WJPR, Greenville, Sun. 8:00A; WABG, Greenwood, Thu. 7:30P; WNAG, Gretna, Mon. 8:35A; WFOR, Hattiesburg, Sun. 8:00P; WJQS, Jackson, Sat. 6:00P; WLAU, Laurel, Sun. 8:00A; WHHT, Lucedale, Sun. 1:00P; WAPF, McComb, Sun. 12:30P; WCOC, Meridian, Sun. 4:05P; WNAU, New Albany, Sun. 10:00A; WQMV, Vicksburg, Sun. 2:00P.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION officials have announced the new Mission Fellowship officers for the 1967-68 school year. They are seated, left to right: Betty Perry, pianist; Audrey Lumpkin, publicity chairman; and Gloria Glass, secretary. Standing, left to right, are: Donnie Parker, president; and Clyde Pounds, program chairman. Not shown in the photograph is Charles Carpenter, chorister for the group.

East Columbia Calls Pastor

Rev. Norris Garner accepted the call as pastor of East Columbia Church on July 16. He and Mrs. Garner moved on the church field July 31.

Mr. Garner recently graduated from New Orleans Seminary, having graduated from Mississippi College in 1959.

He surrendered to the ministry at Ridgecrest Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, in 1956, has served 8 1/2 years in pastorates in Pontotoc and Monroe Counties in Mississippi, and in New Orleans. He has been active in revival preaching during this time.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner of Hamilton, he is married to Audra Fay Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Watts, of Algoma. While at New Orleans Seminary, Mrs. Garner has served as secretary to Dr. H. Leo Eddleman and Dr. L. Hardee Kennedy.

The Garners are the parents of one son, Howard Vance, 5.

South Carolina Baptists exceeded their 1965 giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program by \$305,775.93 in 1966.

Hardee Elected Seminary V-P

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The board of trustees of New Orleans Baptist Seminary here has elected F. Staley Hardee Jr. of Indianapolis, Ind., as assistant to the president in charge of development and public relations.

Hardee, a native of South Carolina, is currently pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Indianapolis.

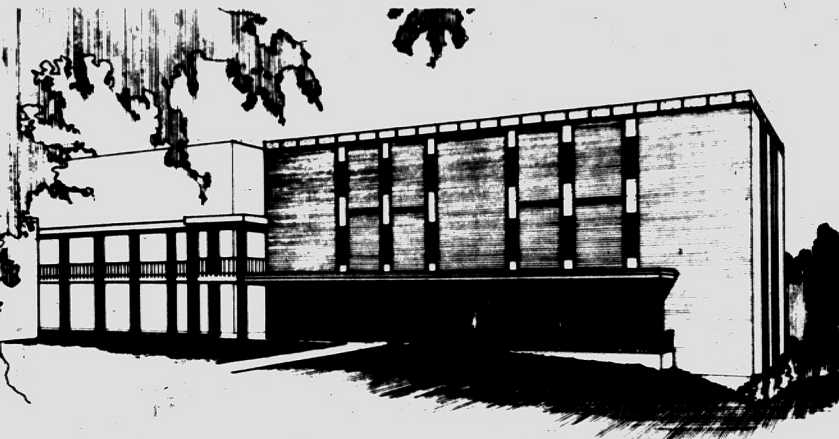
A recent graduate of the New Orleans Seminary, Hardee, 36, worked in the seminary's public relations office as a student.

Hardee is a graduate of the Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., and has attended Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C.

He replaced Joe H. Courson who became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers, Florida.



TOP PHOTO SHOWS members of Sunday School of Big Level Church in Lebanon Association who have received perfect attendance pins for periods ranging from three months to 10 years. Picture at right shows C. L. Miles (left), Sunday School superintendent being congratulated by the pastor, Rev. Ben Bryant, for 10 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School.



Architect's drawing of proposed new educational building of First Church, Pontotoc.

Pontotoc, First, To Erect Education Building

The First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, has voted to award contracts, not including furnishings, in the amount of \$243,104.27 for the construction of an educational building.

The firms with which contracts have been signed are Building Service Company, West Point; Nash Plumbing Company, Tupelo; Jobe Electric Company, Tupelo; and Comfort Engineering, Tupelo.

The architectural firm of Malvaney and Associates of

Tupelo and Jackson is working with the church in planning and construction of the building. The building will be a four story structure containing almost 17,000 square feet of floor space.

It will provide for six Nursery departments, four Primary departments, two Intermediate departments, one Adult department (to be used also as a Fellowship Hall and dining room) and a large modern kitchen.

The building will be a fire-

proof permanent structure of steel and masonry with exterior brick matching the present structure. It will be centrally heated and air-conditioned.

The church now has over \$91,000 in the building fund, and an effort is being made to boost this to \$100,000 in a special building fund day on Sunday, July 30, when ground breaking day will be observed. B. C. Hurt is the chairman of the Building Steering Committee, and Dr. W. Levon Moore is the pastor.

India Missionaries Plan Relief Program

The little Telugu-language Baptist church in Bangalore, India, is growing, making plans to build, and reaching out with ministries of medicine and aid to people suffering from a food scarcity.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea, missionaries in Bangalore, are experimenting with ways to help the people help themselves produce eggs and garden products and make crocheted and lacework items for sale.

Dr. Bethea has been holding mobile clinics in connection with the church. People of all faiths attend the clinics, at which they receive Bible portions and hear the gospel preached.

Negotiations for land for the proposed Baptist hospital in Bangalore are progressing slowly, reports Dr. Bethea. "The prospects for a produc-

tive Christian hospital are very bright," he says. "The government is cooperative, and our relationships with people of all faiths have been helpful."

Ten persons were baptized by the Bangalore church in June.

Holly Springs Homecoming

Holly Springs Church, Marion Association, Foxworth, will have annual Homecoming August 6. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to be present for the first homecoming in the new church building. Order of Services: Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; dinner on the ground; afternoon sing. (See "Revival Dates.")



THE MEMBERS OF THE Banner Church (Calhoun) gathered recently after a regular Sunday morning service to break ground for their new church building. The \$31,520 plant is now under construction. The completed new facility will replace the old church building destroyed by fire on February 7th, 1967. The pastor, Rev. Floyd Higginbotham (center) is seen with two members of the building committee, Bill McGuire (left) and Mr. Clinton Ledbetter turning over the first spadeful of dirt. The church expects to occupy the new building about October 1st, 1967.



PARKHILL CHURCH JACKSON has recently licensed three young men to the gospel ministry. Jerry Westbrock, age 23 licensed June 23, plans to enter Clarke College this fall. He is married to the former Francis McKinzie. They are the parents of two sons, Conrad, four, and Mark, 18 months. Leroy Young, age 13, licensed on June 7, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Young, II, of Jackson, and is a student at Peoples High School. Bill Gipson, age 16, licensed to preach on June 14, will be a senior at Byram High School this fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gipson of Jackson. Rev. J. N. Gipson is pastor at Parkhill.

Neither Down Nor Out

(By Chester Swor)
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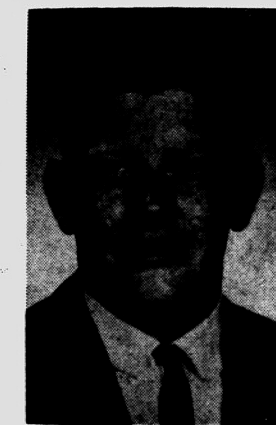
Carey Names New Professor

William Carey College has announced the coming in September of Dr. JoNell James as associate professor of educational psychology. Dr. James will be coming from Austin, Texas with her husband who will be affiliated with the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. James has recently completed her Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas. She earned both the bachelor and the master degrees from the same institution. Her BA degree was awarded in 1962 with a major in English and a minor in history. In September, 1964, she entered the graduate program and completed the M. Ed. in counseling and guidance in August, 1965.

Her dissertation was written on the subject: Philosophical foundations of five counseling approaches or techniques.

During Dr. James' graduate years she was a teaching associate in the Department of Educational Psychology, University of Texas. She was



Nonnie Jefcoat
SOSO ORDAINS
PREACHER

Ordination services have been held for Nonnie Jefcoat who was recently called as pastor of Centerville Church, Jones County. He will begin his duties August 6.

Soso, First Church ordained Mr. Jefcoat, Sunday, July 30 at 5 p. m. The following ministers participated: Rev. Hardy Denham, Jr., First Church, Ellisville; Rev. Rayford Pridgen, Indian Springs Church; Rev. Gene Pant, Trinity Church; Rev. Harold Ishee, Plainway Church, Laurel; and Tommy Shows, minister of music at Soso.

Rev. Dick Brogan, pastor of First Church, Soso, preached the ordination sermon.

also a research associate for Dr. Oliver Brown, Office of Education Research No. 2264, and she undertook independent research for the Feminine Role Study for 1965-66.

Dr. James comes to Carey highly qualified and will be associated with Dr. Roy G. Bigelow of the Department of Psychology and Education.

Churches In The News

Burton Mission in Prentiss County, which was begun last September, moved from an afternoon service to morning services the first Sunday in April, with the starting of a Sunday school. They recently held their first Vacation Bible School. On Sunday, July 23, there were five additions by letter and two professions of faith. Rev. W. C. Gann, Prentiss-Tishomingo superintendent of missions, is serving as pastor. (See "Revival Dates")



ROGER NEAL GRIFFITH was licensed to the gospel ministry on July 16 at West End Church, Louisville, Rev. Joe W. Shurden, pastor. He surrendered to preach at the close of Youth Week at West End on May 22. A senior at Napoleon High School this fall, he plans to attend Clarke College following graduation. He is the son of Roger Neal Griffith, Sr. of St. I. Newspaper.

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REVIVAL DATES

Artesia Church (Lowndes): August 6-11; Rev. Lee Hudson pastor of Immanuel Church, Columbus, evangelist; Jimmy Cox, Booneville, music director; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy Hunt, pastor.

Bethesda (Oktoberfest): August 6-11; Rev. Gene Fant, Trinity Church, Laurel, evangelist; Truman Thompson, Starkville, song leader; services at 8 P.M. and 10 A.M. Sunday services at regular time, Rev. Charles Guy, pastor.

Goodyear, Picayune: August 13-18; Evangelist (pictured) Rev. Mel Mason, pastor of Faith Church, Tallahassee, Florida; song leader, Bill E. Spencer, Minister of Music, Good year, Picayune. Rev. Arlis F. Grice, pastor.

Center Hill (Monroe): August 6-11; Rev. K. Z. Stevens (pictured), pastor of Calvary, Columbus, evangelist; Marvin E. Taylor, singer; Rev. Gerald H. Smith, pastor.

Juniper Grove (Pearl River): August 14-20; Rev. Roy Black, pastor of Juniper Grove, evangelist; J. D. Batson of New Orleans Seminary, singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Charles Powell, minister of music; revival preceded by four weeks of cottage prayer meetings. (Homecoming August 20; lunch on church grounds; several former pastors expected to attend; all former members and friends invited.)

Escatawpa Church: August 7-13; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; youth - sponsored; featuring the Suddards' Evangelistic Team; Rev. Ralph Young, pastor.

Colonial Heights Church, Jackson: August 20-27; Rev. Carey Cox, pastor, First Church, Brandon, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, Minister of Music - Education, Colonial Heights, in charge of music, assisted by Mrs. Hubert Q. Pray, organist, and Bill Clark, pianist; Rev. S. B. Mason, Jr., pastor; services at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. weekdays, regular times on Sunday.

Rehobeth Church (Rankin): Aug. 6-11; Rev. John Sartin, pastor, New Prospect Church, Brookhaven; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; dinner on the grounds Sunday, Aug. 6; Rev. James A. Case, pastor.

Clear Branch (Rankin): July 30 - Aug. 4; Rev. James Whittington (new pastor) evangelist; Bobby Campbell, singer, services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Holly Springs (Marion): August 13-18; Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor, First, Columbia, evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. W. J. Hemby, pastor.

Beulah (Newton): July 30-August 6; Rev. H. T. Curbow, pastor and evangelist; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Burton Mission (Prentiss): August 6-13; Rev. W. C. Gann, Prentiss-Tishomingo superintendent of missions, and pastor of this mission, evangelist.

Bethel Church (Rankin): August 13 - 18; Rev. Sam Waggoner, pastor of Temple Church, Forest, evangelist; Gerald Giles, music director; services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; dinner on the ground Sunday Aug. 13. Rev. W. C. McGee is pastor.

Good Hope Church, Purvis: August 6-12; Rev. Travis Hudson, pastor of Military Church, Sumrall, evangelist; Monroe McManus, Minister of Music, First Church, Purvis, leading the music; Rev. Russell C. Harris, pastor.

New Liberty (Tishomingo): August 6 - 11; Rev. T. F. Grubbs (pictured), pastor, Calvary, Booneville, evangelist; Rev. Jimmy Bryant, pastor; services 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Big Level Church: Wiggins (Lebanon Association): August 6-11; Rev. Kenneth Kinley, First Church, Altha, Fla., evangelist; Rev. Ben Bryant, pastor. Services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Braxton Church (Simpson): Aug. 6-11; Rev. John Brock, pictured, pastor, First Church, Pass Christian, evangelist; Gene Hubbard, Benney Points Church, Birmingham, Ala., singer; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor.

Ethel Church: August 14-20; evangelist will be Rev. Billy Joe Pierce, pastor of Pearson Church, Jackson; Singer will be Bennie McBride, music director of Pearson Church; Rev. Aaron Lewis, pastor.

Zion Hill (Amite): August 6-11; Rev. Paul Stender, pastor, evangelist; J. P. Walch, Liberty, song director; services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and lunch on the grounds, Sunday, which is also Homecoming Day; morning and night services through week.

Hillcrest, Jackson: August 13-20; Dr. J. R. Davis, pastor, First, Batesville, evangelist; Charles Muller, minister of music at Woodland Hills, Jackson, singer; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Maurice Clayton, pastor. (The week will be climaxed on Sunday, August 20, with Hillcrest's Twentieth Anniversary Homecoming celebration. There will be dinner on the grounds. At 2 p.m. Rev. Mack Bomer of Vicksburg, former Hillcrest pastor, will preach. At 7 p.m. Rev. G. C.

Cox, pastor of Oak Park, New Orleans, and former Hillcrest pastor, will preach.)

Morgan Chapel (Oktoberfest): July 30-August 4; Rev. John Ed Shell, Utica, evangelist; Rev. Thompson Pitts, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Antioch (Neshoba): August 6-11; Rev. Elvis Gregory, pastor of Friendship, Columbus, evangelist; Johnnie Pierce, song leader; Rev. James L. Cooper, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Nesbit Church (Desoto): July 31-August 6; Rev. Hayward Moore, pastor, Mt. Harmon Church, Mt. Harmon, La., services at 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Rev. E. D. Richardson, pastor.

Beulah Church (Newton): July 30-August 6; Rev. H. T. Curbow, pastor and evangelist; Jerry Laird leading the music; Charlotte Blass at the piano; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Red Lick: August 6-11; Rev. C. I. Daughtrey, Winona, evangelist; Rev. Thomas Wayne Spencer, pastor; services 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; (The Sunday morning services will include a "church membership roll-call," and final plans for the new church will be adopted. Members, former members, and friends are urged to attend.)

New Hope (Lafayette): August 6-11; Rev. James Barnes Winona, evangelist; J. B. Smith, song leader; Rev. J. W. Massie, pastor; night services only, at 7:45 p.m.

Russell (Lauderdale): August 6 - 11; Rev. Maurice Flowers, Supt. of Missions, Bolivar County, evangelist; Hollis Fraser, music director, State Boulevard Church, Meridian, song leader; Rev. Frank Tribble, Jr., pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Rocky Point (Leake County): August 6-11; Rev. H. C. Adams, pastor of McAdams Church, evangelist; S. O. Paramore, singer; Miss Jean Higginbotham, pianist; Rev. A. A. Ward, pastor; services 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Clear Creek (Lafayette): August 13-18; Rev. Raymond E. Owens of Williamsville Church, Kosciusko, evangelist; Don Waller, music director at Clear Creek, singer; Rev. Roy R. Marshall, pastor.

New Hope (Lauderdale): August 20-25; Rev. D. J. Benson of Laurel, evangelist; Mrs. Helen Walker, song leader; Mr. Pat Martin, Jr., organist; Mrs. Toby Thornhill, pianist; services 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Dr. John E. Barrow is pastor.

Wayside Church, Scohey: August 20-25; Rev. Roy Marshall, pastor of Clear Creek, Oxford, evangelist; services each day at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. William G. West, Jr., pastor.

Harmony (Winston): August 6-11; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Carl Savell, pastor at Pelahatchie, evangelist; Maurice Clay, in charge of music; Brenda Carol Smith, pianist; Rev. W. C. Smith, pastor.

Crooked Creek (Lawrence): August 6-11; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lawrence Smith, Oak Grove Church, Simpson County, evangelist; Rev. Edward Smith, pastor. (Lunch will be served at church on Sunday, Aug. 6.)

Bethel, (Coldwater): August 6-11; Rev. David Condit, evangelist; services nightly 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Roy C. Wilson, pastor.

Harperville: August 6-11; services 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday; 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. weekdays; Rev. J. B. Costlow, Baptist student director at Clarke College, evangelist; Mrs. Joe Martin, music director; Rev. Elton Barlow, pastor.

Robins Mission (Rankin): Aug. 6-11; Rev. W. M. Buffington pastor of Franklin Church (Madison) evangelist; Olen Brown, song leader; services each evening at 8 p.m. Rev. J. D. Hughes, pastor.

DEVOTIONAL When The Wicked Seem To Prosper

By Bob E. Simmons, Pastor, Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian

Material prosperity and spiritual well-being are not related at all. Those who love the Lord may be either rich or poor. Our Lord has never sought to bribe men to follow Him.



This material inequality among Christians has never been a problem to most of us. On the other hand, seeing the wicked and the unbelieving prosper materially has been a source of consternation to the Lord's people for a long time. Even the Psalmist had to write, "Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity" (Psalm 37:1). The rest of this Psalm teaches how to live and think in a world of material inequality.

The believer should be calm, knowing he cannot see the whole picture in a few months or years. What seems to be a successful rebellion against the Spiritual rules of life is only the beginning of an attempt, which is doomed to inevitable failure. The real problem is to want sincerely the best for all, even for the one enjoying the fruits of dishonesty. When payday comes to the wicked, the Christian must be able genuinely to be sorry for him. Gloating should be far beneath the one who loves the Lord.

The believer should have confidence in the Lord, whatever his surrounding situation is. Doubts about God's power either to reward or punish are not becoming to the Christian. He must not ever doubt that it pays to do good and costs to do evil, since God's word speaks so definitely upon the subject. But how God may choose either to pay or to punish must be left happily to Him in His wisdom always.

The believer should seek to be content in his life. He knows the Lord loves him and has saved him. All his other blessings are simply additions to this chief good of life. If it takes the grandiose and flamboyant to make him happy, he has gotten off the main path somewhere. Always it is the simple life which is the happiest. As Jesus said of food, so we may say of life, "We are troubled about many things, when only a few things are necessary."

The believer should remain committed to the way the Lord leads him to go, however the wicked seem to prosper and however he himself seems not to prosper. His eye must be single. It is difficult enough to remain committed when all attention is given to the effort. Furtive glances at the other man's material conditions are not only disquieting, but often disastrous. They get the mind too much off the main subject. The believer must never yield to the temptation to major or minors. He must keep his eyes on his own path, so to speak. Jesus said to Simon's jealous inquiry about John's future, "Never mind about John. You follow me!" So it must be with us. Let the wicked seem to prosper or not, we will follow the Lord.

The churches of the Maryland Baptist Convention gave a record \$710,000 to world missions through the Cooperative Program in 1966.

Ebenezer (Tate): August 6-11; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, Supt. of Missions, Monroe Association, evangelist; Rev. Claude Lazenby, pastor of Ebenezer, will lead the singing; accompanist will be Carol Bryant, Becky Buford, and Jeannie Singsfield.

Muslim Converted In Trinidad

The first Muslim to become a Christian as a result of Southern Baptist mission work in Trinidad was baptized July 2, reports Missionary Reginald A. Hill. The convert, a service station manager, is 27 years old, married, and the father of three children. He lives across the street from a mission sponsored by the Baptist church in San Fernando.

ELIM'S OLDEST MEMBER DIES

May 10, 1967—Elim Church of Clarke County was saddened by the loss of her oldest member.

George Clarence Graham, long a member of the church and for 32 years a deacon, passed away in the home of his son C. A. (Alman) Graham where he had made his home for almost 10 years.

He was born June 4, 1875 and died May 10, 1967. He was laid to rest May 12, by the side of his wife, who was Eliza Britania Scott, daughter of Henry B. Scott, a Baptist preacher and one time pastor of Elim Church.

He is survived by his four children, Carlin Alman of Quitman; Virgie Inez (Mrs. W. B. Thompson) of Prichard, Alabama; Guillian Elmer of Quitman, and Vera Letitia (Mrs. H. C. Fuller) of Quitman; sixteen grand-children; thirty-six great-grand-children and two great-great-grand-children.

"The community and county as well as his many friends and family miss him, but we know he is at rest with his Saviour whom he loved and trusted," states one who knew him well.



W. Bryce Evans

Granted Leave From Clarke

William Bryce Evans, professor of speech at Clarke College, has been granted a leave of absence for one year. During this time he will render a special service at the University of South Alabama, Mobile. At this new university, he will set up a Speech and Hearing Center and serve as its acting director for the 1967-68 session.

Professor Evans has been on the faculty of Clarke College for thirteen years. He has also taught at the University of Southern Mississippi and has done clinical work on a graduate assistantship at Louisiana State University. He is a graduate of Clarke, holds a B.S. degree from Mississippi College, received the M.A. degree (in speech) from Southern and is a doctoral candidate in the field of speech pathology at L.S.U. He also attended the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

"The Cooperative Program provides a regular week by week channel of cooperation so that each Christian steward is actually participating every week in every ministry included in the Cooperative Program. Thus, is carried out the admonition of the Holy Spirit given by Paul: 'Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.'" — Courts Redford

Off The Record

"Going to send your boy on an ocean trip, are you?" said a friend to a father.

"Yes," replied the father. "You see, if there is anything in him I think a long sea voyage will bring it out."

A man was shaving himself when a fly lit on his nose. He struck at the fly and accidentally cut off the tip of his nose. He got excited and dropped the razor, and it accidentally cut off the tip of his big toe. He had always heard that flesh would grow back if placed together immediately. In his excitement, he placed the tip of his nose on his nose, and the tip of his nose on his toe. He said it grew back all right, and everything worked a.k., except when he sneezed he sneezed his shoes off.

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. James C. Walker, missionaries, left for Rhodesia on July 12, after furlough in the States. Their address is P. O. Box 657, Gwelo, Rhodesia. He is a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; she, the former Charlotte Fulton, was born in Mobile, Ala., and lived in several states during childhood. When they were appointed missionaries in 1962 he was assistant pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson.

Dr. James D. Belote, missionary on leave from Hong Kong, is serving as director of training for missionary journeymen this summer. He and Mrs. Belote may be addressed, Journeyman Training Program, Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va., 24201. He is a native of Washington, D.C.; she, the former Martha Bigham, is a native of Water Valley, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. S. Payton Myers, missionaries to Nigeria, left the states on July 26. Their address is P. O. Box 93 Kaduna, Nigeria, West Africa. Mr. Myers will be working with the Baptist Pastors' School. They have three children.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Rankin, missionaries on furlough from Hong Kong, may now be addressed, c-o Dr. J. D. Thomas, Denmark, S. C., 29042. They expect to leave for Hong Kong on August 15. Mrs. Rankin is the former Miriam Thomas, native of Fairfax, S. C.; Dr. Rankin is a native of Sandy Hook, Miss. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1942, he in 1947.

Miss Emogene Harris, missionary to Nigeria, is now serving at the Baptist Girls' Secondary School in Agbor (she may be addressed at the school, Box 7, Agbor, Nigeria, West Africa). Miss Harris, native of Johns, Miss., taught school in Columbia, Miss., prior to missionary appointment in 1960.

Rev. and Mrs. Archie G. Dunaway, Jr., missionaries to Nigeria, were scheduled to arrive in the States on July 3 for furlough. They may be addressed at 1208 Norvel Ave., Nashville, Tenn., 37216. She is the former Margaret Lanier, of Nashville; he is a native of McComb, Miss. Before they went to Nigeria in 1947 he was pastor of Christiana (Tenn.) Baptist Church.



BEULAH CHURCH members (Newton County) honored their new pastor, Rev. H. T. Curbow, and family, with a reception at the pastor's home. Mr. Curbow recently moved there from the pastorate of Mt. Olive Church, Prentiss County. At the reception, the cake was decorated in the shape of a Bible. Assisting in serving were Mrs. Rosalyn Blass, Mrs. Geannie Graham, Mrs. Jack Bynum, Mrs. J. H. Chaney, Miss Charlotte Walters and Mrs. Rufus Walters. Pictured are the Curbows and their children, Clark, 6, Steve, 18, and Nancy, 15.

Southwestern REA To Meet At Ft. Worth Seminary

The forty-seventh annual session of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association meeting at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, August 22-24, 1967, will have as its theme "WHEN TOMORROW BECOMES TODAY."

The six-session conference will seek to give direction to the leaders in education leadership positions of churches, schools, and denominational agencies. Consideration will be given to special requirements for church and denominational education leadership in the '70's. Workshops in teaching and leadership skills will be offered. Interpretation will be made on trends in program designs and curriculum, and their implication to the educational work. Opportunities will be offered to consider current problems in the education and administration fields of service.

Major speakers will be: Dr. Robert Naylor, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Roy Fish, professor, Southwestern Seminary; Dr. James Harris, pastor, University Baptist, Fort Worth; Dr. Albert McClellan, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville; Mr. Ernie Prichard, Personnel Training Centers, General Motors Corporation; and Dr. J. P. Allen, pastor, Broadway Church, Fort Worth.

Several leaders from the Sunday School Board will appear on the program. Wednesday, August 23, there will be a one-day Kindergarten Conference under the direction of Miss Sue Raley, First Baptist Duncanville, Texas.

To secure detailed information of the program, hotel accommodations, write Miss Gracie Knowlton, Box 22326, Fort Worth, Texas 76122.

Tarahumara Indians On "MasterControl"

Hidden in the remote mountainous regions of Northern Mexico — only a few hundred miles from the modern city of Chihuahua — lives a primitive tribe of 40,000 or more Tarahumara Indians. They are noted for their long lives and for endurance running, for which they train from childhood.

The story of these, the most primitive people of North America, will be brought to light on "MasterControl" August 6. Listeners will hear an interview with a 115-year old chief, visit a Tarahumara church service, and a typical cave dwelling, and will hear an interview with Don and Esther Burgess of the Wycliffe Bible translators.

The Tarahumara story is the second "MasterControl" program based on a trip through Northern Mexico last spring by the three-man production crew from Southern Baptists' Radio and Television

Commission. Ed Malone, director; Jim Rupe, producer; and Don Surgis, narrator, were guests of the Chihuahua-Pacific Railroad. They departed from the usual tourist itinerary in order to spend several days among the Tarahumara, studying their mores and culture.

They learned that Jesuit missionaries first introduced Christianity to the area in the early 1600's but were not allowed to stay permanently. The religion as practiced now is a corrupted form of Roman Catholicism mingled with animism. The chiefs say the mass, and the same weird musical chant is used both for religious services and for festivals.

The Burgess were interviewed just before their departure into the Tarahumara regions, where they plan to spend many years translating the New Testament into the Tarahumara tongue.

Other August "MasterControl" programs include the following:

August 13—a variety of interviews, including the organist of the Lawrence Welk show and the star of CBS' Green Acres.

August 20—Aviation Day Special originating from the Texas National Air Races.

Stations in Mississippi carrying MasterControl:

WAMY, Amory; WJMB, Brookhaven, Sat 530p; WMGO, Canton, Sun 9:30a; WFFF, Columbia, Sat 930a; WNAG, Grenada, Sat 1230p; WROA, Gulfport, Sun 1230p; WFOR, Hattiesburg, Sat 830a; WSLI, Jackson, Sun 830a; WAPF, McComb, Sat 830a; WNAT, Natchez, Sat 930a; WHOC, Philadelphia, Sun 530p; WQMV, Vicksburg, Sun 630p; WROB, West Point, WONA, Winona, Sun 1200p.